

# Refuge gets fund promise



**Nat Reed**

The J.N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge is slated to receive a whopping \$1,247,000 out of Washington over the next five years, Assistant Secretary of the Interior Nat Reed announced on Sanibel this week.

Reed was the featured speaker at the 10th annual meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, held at Casa Ybel's Lowdin Hall on Monday evening.

The funds are to include an interpretive center and a one-man interpretative staff for the Refuge, Reed stated.

In an interview with Island Reporter, Reed referred to the serious manpower shortage in the Fish and Wildlife Service, which has jurisdiction over the nation's refuges, including "Ding" Darling Refuge.

"In terms of manpower," Reed said, "Fish and Wildlife Service has been the most desperately strained of any that I know of in the U.S. Government."

Making reference to the campaign speech made by President Ford at Yellowstone National Park in which a promise was made of 500 new positions in the Fish and Wildlife Service, Reed said that shortly thereafter he had received "a telephone call from Jimmy Carter's people."

"They said they wanted me to know that Ford's program was a damn good program, and that when they had defeated us in November they would be happy to carry it out."

Reed said that from what he had seen of the "transition crew" of President-elect Carter, he was optimistic that the new administration would follow through on the pledge made by President Ford.

In the interview, Reed also expressed optimism that federal funds would be available for the purchase of some additional land on Sanibel. He referred specifically to his hope that it would be possible to purchase from the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation its holdings in the Sanibel Gardens area.

Reed said he was hopeful that, in general, progressively larger federal funds would be made available for land acquisition under the Land and Water Conservation Fund, with the total of funds scheduled to reach to \$900 million mark over the next five years.

This should make it increasingly feasible for the states and local governments to purchase a considerable amount of environmentally endangered lands, Reed said.

Reed won a standing ovation from over 200 members and guests of the Sanibel-

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By Peter Larson

Like the Spitfires that once safeguarded the skies of Britain, Lee County's mosquito control planes have soared for years above the rooftops of Sanibel-Captiva to do battle with the dreaded mosquito.

With the almost unanimous blessing of islanders, the planes routinely drop the chemical payloads of insecticide that make the islands habitable. One of these chemicals, targetted against the adult mosquito, is a compound called fenthion, also known by its trade name, "Baytex."

At least as early as 1974 Baytex had its critics here, most notably George Campbell, international coordinator of the Fund For Animals. Quoting from the federal label published on every container of Baytex, Campbell said the chemical was "toxic to fish and wildlife" and "should not be applied where shrimp or crab are valuable resources." On a delicate estuarine island like Sanibel, use of the chemical could be disastrous, Campbell warned.

Last week a team of six federal scientists arrived on Sanibel to conduct studies that should corroborate or dismiss the charges leveled against Baytex. The outcome of the testing could, in the words of "Ding" Darling Refuge manager Glen Bond, "indicate if Baytex is safe to use on Sanibel -- or in Lee County."

Coincidental with the testing came the Sanibel visit of Nat Reed, Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks of the U.S. Department of the Interior. Reed, deeply involved in recent months in the Baytex controversy, came to attend the annual meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

Just two months ago Reed wrote a scathing internal memorandum regarding Baytex to his Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service. Reed attacked the Service for what he judged to be inadequate attention to the possible dangers in the continued use of the chemical as an adulticide on Sanibel.

Referring to a report filed last summer by Dr. Delbert Hicks of the Environmental Protection Agency, Reed said concentrations of Baytex, lethal to shrimp, were present following aerial spraying and added that Hicks observed substantial drift of the chemical into open areas of the J.N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge.

"Surface water pesticide concentrations in these open water areas were sufficiently high even in these areas to be lethal to pink shrimp," the Reed memorandum stated.

Using unusually harsh language, Reed said he expected a "much more thorough review of the use of pesticides on Sanibel" and that he wanted the review "accomplished in an expeditious manner."

Referring to the Lee County Mosquito Control District, Reed said, "I cannot believe that there is no safer alternative to the present program." Reed also said he wouldn't accept the position that the Fish and Wildlife Service wasn't in a position to force program changes, adding that if there were no other alternative it would be possible to rely on an "informed public opinion."

The Assistant Secretary asked for a report answering his questions by October 30, and said that he wanted information on "the knowns, unknowns and recommended

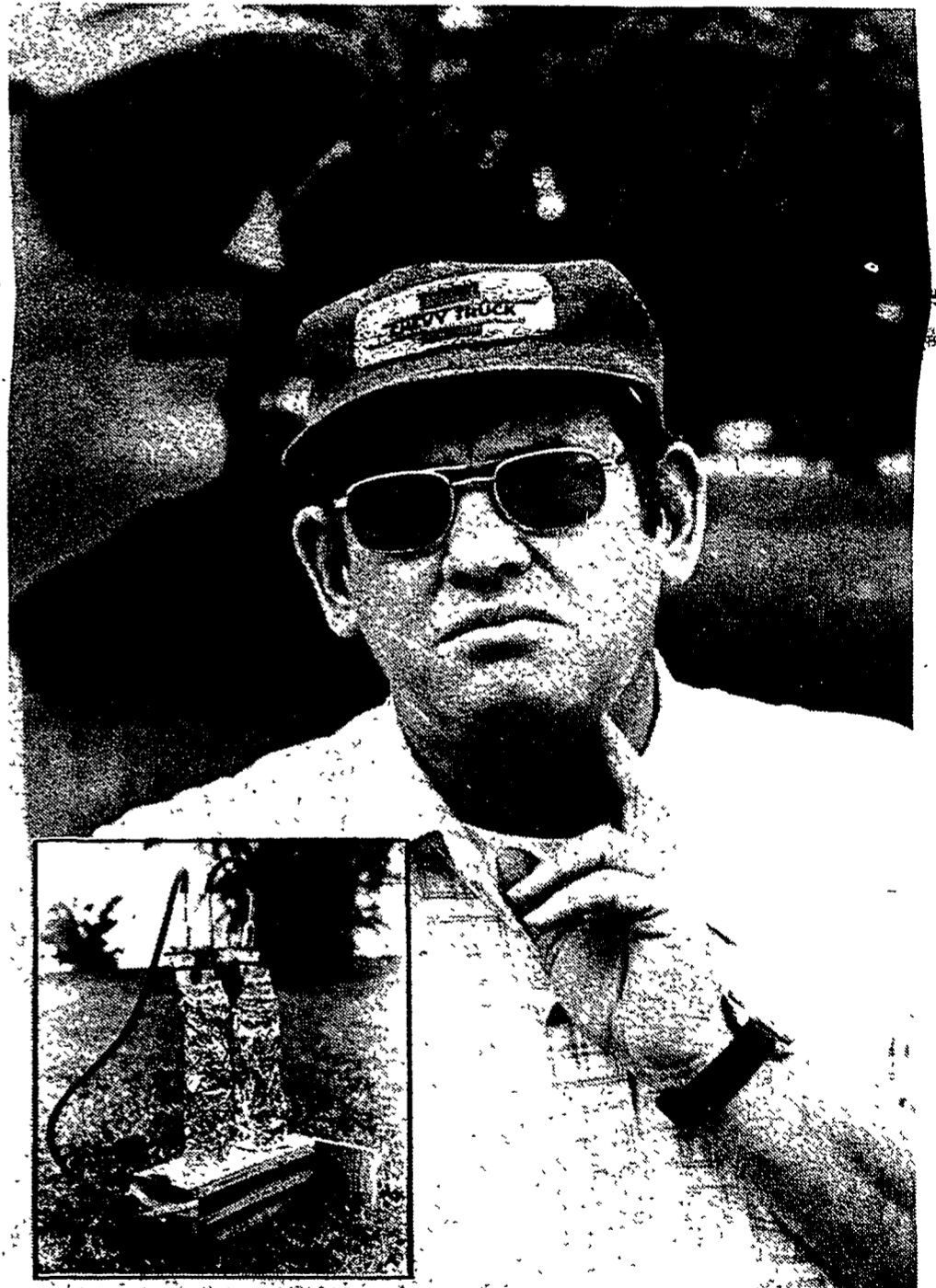
courses of action, including added studies if necessary."

On December 1, a team of six scientists representing three disciplines arrived on Sanibel, presumably to produce the data requested by Reed in his memorandum. The studies, spanning almost a week, represented one of the most exhaustive field investigations to date on Baytex, its methods of application and its possible effects on aquatic life and vertebrates.

Essentially a two-pronged effort, the tests involved both the Environmental Protection Agency -- the agency responsible for regulating use of pesticides -- and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The data and sample collecting centered around a

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# Mosquito Control chemical studied



**Dr. Delbert Hicks, EPA biologist, discusses Baytex testing with George Campbell. Part of the testing apparatus is shown in the inset.**

Useppa, a tiny speck of an island lying in Pine Island Sound, holds a fascination for every boater that cruises down the intracoastal waterway.

The little island, boasting one of the highest elevations in Lee County and covered with some of the region's most beautiful vegetation, has a romantic past. Today, as a restoration and modest development program gets underway on the island, some of that past is being unearthed.

Island Reporter staff writer Peter Larson explored a bit on Useppa this week and what he found is described in a profusely illustrated article that begins on page 15 of B Section.



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# IN BRIEF

## Flu shots are free

Persons 18 years and over who have not received swine flu immunizations can get them free of charge at the Wegryn Clinic on the Sanibel-Captiva Road weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Persons between the ages of 18 and 24 will receive two shots, a month apart, according to Dr. Stanley Wegryn "because it is believed that persons in that age category have not developed enough natural flu antibodies as have older persons." Persons 65 years and over and the chronically ill can receive the bivalent vaccine and the monovalent is available for those 18 to 65.

## Gavin named MVB

Cypress Lake High School griddler Stanley Gavin was named the team's Most Valuable Offensive Back at an award-banquet Friday night. Gavin was also given a plaque for being cited as a Fort Myers News-Press Athlete of the Week.

## More cars cross Causeway

There was an increase of 17,932 paying vehicles crossing the Causeway in November, 1976 as compared to November, 1975. Figures released by Causeway authorities detailing November traffic show a total of 1,382 paying vehicles crossed the three-bridge span during the month. The total includes 66,550 passenger cars, 2,638 light trucks, 2,093 heavy trucks, 17 buses, and 84 motorcycles.

## Health committee resigns

The City of Sanibel no longer has a Public Health Committee. Dr. Ingalls Simmons, the former chairman, resigned this week over the controversial proposal to keep dogs leashed and off the beach. The Public Health Committee made the proposal to the City Council but there was strong opposition from the public and at least one councilman. "I resigned because I felt ineffectual," explained Simmons. "I'm an expert in the field of public health. If people don't listen to me, I'm ineffectual." Committee members Dr. John Willard, Dr. Mordecai Haber and Charles Siegenthaler followed Simmons' lead, but Siegenthaler said personal reasons led to his resignation. The City Council is scheduled to review the proposal again Monday afternoon.

## This week



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# Condo expansion, river weir approved

The Sanibel Planning Commission agreed Monday to waive density requirements that would allow the Latham Corporation to add 66 more units to the King's Crown condominium complex on West Gulf Drive.

The approval followed the City Council's endorsement last Tuesday of a negotiated compromise between Latham executives and city officials.

The compromise would allow Latham President Robert Johnson to build 66 units -- 35 more than would be permitted on the parcel according to the land use plan -- provided all other provisions of the plan are followed.

In repeated efforts Johnson was unsuccessful in securing City approval to add 108 King's Crown units to the existing 33 units. After the city successfully reached a tentative compromise concerning building permits with Sundial of Sanibel owners, Johnson asked for a similar negotiating session.

In agreeing to the pact, Johnson promised to relocate the proposed buildings behind the coastal construction setback line, and to give up Lee County permits issued for the entire project.

Steve Johnson, the executive vice president of the Latham Corporation, appeared before the Planning Commission Monday to seek a specific amendment to the land use plan waiving the density requirements. In granting the approval, the Planning Commission stipulated that concrete pilings which have already been placed seaward of the coastal construction setback line should be left in place. The 30 foot deep pilings could cause salt water intrusion if removed.

The City Council must also approve the amendment request, but at last week's council session it was made clear the approval would be granted.

Johnson was showered with praise by Planning Commission members for the "spirit of cooperation" shown by Latham, both before and during the negotiating sessions.

City Engineering Administrator Tom Richeson won approval for a development permit allowing the City to install a concrete weir on the Sanibel River at Beach Road. The weir will separate the fresh water river from a salt water canal on the east side of Beach Road.

A gate set at 30 inches above mean sea level will permit flood waters from the river to empty into the canal, but a flapper gate will prevent the salt water from coming back into the fresh water side of the river.

Construction of the Beach Road weir is the first step in a project recommended by the city's Sanibel River and Wetlands Management Committee. The goal of the project is to halt salt water intrusion in the river, and to restore the natural flow of the water.

Three Star convenience store owner Jim Robson criticized the Planning Commission and the land use plan for "passing the buck" on the issue of drainage.

Robson appeared before the commission Monday seeking permission to build a 1440 foot addition to the east side of his store at the corner of Palm Ridge Road and Tarpon Bay Road.

Robson needed a waiver from the setback requirements

of the plan, which the commission approved, but the bulk of the discussion centered on the drainage of his lot. The land use plan calls for on-site retention of run-off equal to a five year level storm, a requirement Robson said he probably couldn't meet.

"I don't know what a five year level storm is," complained Robson. "Unless I built a swimming pool, I don't believe I could hold that much run-off."

Robson was supported by Commissioner Don Marshall. "I've seen water over Tarpon Bay Road before that building was even there," he remarked. "He's just talking about an addition. I don't see how we can insist on the five year storm requirements."

Marshall's motion to permit the construction but with modified drainage requirements failed to win commission approval.

When a subsequent motion by Commissioner Twink Underhill to approve the addition and require on site retention of the drainage passed, Robson declared that it was easy to find a professional engineer who would verify that drainage requirements had been met, even though they hadn't.

"I made a mistake in letting the City Council talk me out of building this addition a year ago," he grumbled. The City Council will make the final decision on Robson's request.

Charles J. McCullough failed to persuade the commission to modify the setback requirements for several Bay-front lots in the Sanibel Harbours subdivision.

McCullough, president of the Big Spring Oil Company, which owns six lots in the subdivision, said the Bay setback and yard setbacks leaves only a 25 foot wide strip in which to build a house.

The Commission was reluctant to issue a blanket waiver from the Bay setback for the developer-owned lots. McCullough was told that prospective lot buyers should draw up detailed proposals and ask for specific amendments to the plan. The issue will go on to the council for review.

## Island weather

Sunny days were again interlaced with interludes of fog this week. Late Tuesday night a 30 knot wind, powered by a cold frontal off the East Coast, whipped the islands, sent flowers careening and bent a few palm trees. Walter Klie reported the following readings at the Chamber of Commerce weather station:

	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday, December 1	62	45	.20
Thursday, December 2	63	52	.07
Friday, December 3	68	62	0
Saturday, December 4	70	56	0
Sunday, December 5	No readings on Sunday		
Monday, December 6	78	62	0
Tuesday, December 7	76	66	0
Wednesday, December 8	74	62	.04

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# Council tackles errors in commercial zones

Discrepancies between official city zoning maps and language in the land use plan kept the Sanibel City Council busy Tuesday afternoon painstakingly defining the boundaries of commercial zones on the island.

The discrepancies apparently arose when former city planner Sam Shannon translated areas depicted as commercial and restricted commercial zones on the city's permitted use map into word descriptions that were incorporated into the land use plan.

Shannon apparently erred in locating the north-south boundaries of most of the commercial zones, and the mistakes led some residents to believe that a portion of their property is zoned commercial, and a portion is zoned residential.

When the errors came to light, Planning Commissioner Twink Underhill researched the issue using street maps and subdivision plats. Her recommendations for defining the exact boundaries were reviewed by the Planning Commission, then forwarded to the City Council for a final determination Tuesday.

Vice Mayor Zee Butler, who chaired the council session in Mayor Porter Goss' absence (Goss was attending a coastal zone management task force meeting in Tallahassee) described the review as an attempt to "make the words in the plan conform to the map."

After a 90 minute discussion, Mrs. Underhill was asked to review the boundaries with the new city planner, Carleton Ryffel. Ryffel will draw detailed maps and draft amendments to correct the word descriptions of the boundaries.

In an earlier action the council appointed members to an ad hoc committee on housing to study low and moderate income housing shortages on Sanibel.

Mrs. Butler was named chairman of the 14 man committee, which includes Jack Duñca, Wyman Atkins, Ed Konrad, Betty Robinson, James Hermes, Duane White, Allen Ten Broek, Ann Winterbotham, Mozella Jordan, Bill Frey, John Kontinos, John Dickersen, and Bill Hatcher.

The high cost of housing is a fact of life on Sanibel, and indications are the shortage of moderately priced housing is growing even more acute. Couples who have lived in rented homes for some time are being forced to move because of skyrocketing rent, while others end up leasing cramped apartments just so they can stay on the islands.

According to the Sanibel land use plan, the city "must, in addition to permitting a wide range of housing types, provide adequate opportunities for subsidized low and moderate income housing."

Government subsidies are available to help the city provide suitable housing, but some councilmen are saying privately the answer to the low cost housing dilemma lies in "encouraging the private sector" to provide shelter for low income groups.

The council heard Fred Valtin, chairman of the City Hall Site Selection Committee, report that it will probably cost taxpayers about \$350,000 to purchase a suitable tract of about five acres on which to locate a municipal building.

The committee is evaluating a half dozen "viable" tracts, said Valtin, but it could be 60 to 90 days before the City Council receives a recommendation. Public hearings to consider offers will be held prior to making a recommendation.

The council could be faced with considering the purchase of land that would require rezoning before a building could be erected, according to Valtin. The four councilmen

present at the meeting said any rezoning would hinge on the particular circumstances.

Published legal notices and an ad campaign soliciting site proposals resulted in one offer to sell at cost, but apparently no one is interested in donating land to the city for a municipal building site, noted Valtin.

The bulk of the council's morning agenda was taken up with a review of proposed ordinances adopting standard mechanical, electrical and plumbing codes.

The city's Code Compliance Committee, chaired by George Slay, has been drafting the extremely detailed ordinances for months. After a lengthy review of two of the ordinances Tuesday, the council agreed to continue the discussion Monday.

City Manager William Nungester reported that commercially printed and bound copies of the land use plan may be ready for sale to the public in January or February.

Nungester's staff has completed an editorial review of the plan, but the printing will be delayed until the Planning Commission and Council approve certain amend-

ments to the plan. The loose leaf or folded bound copies will include color maps and an improved index. The cost for 1,000 copies will be about \$5,000, said Nungester.

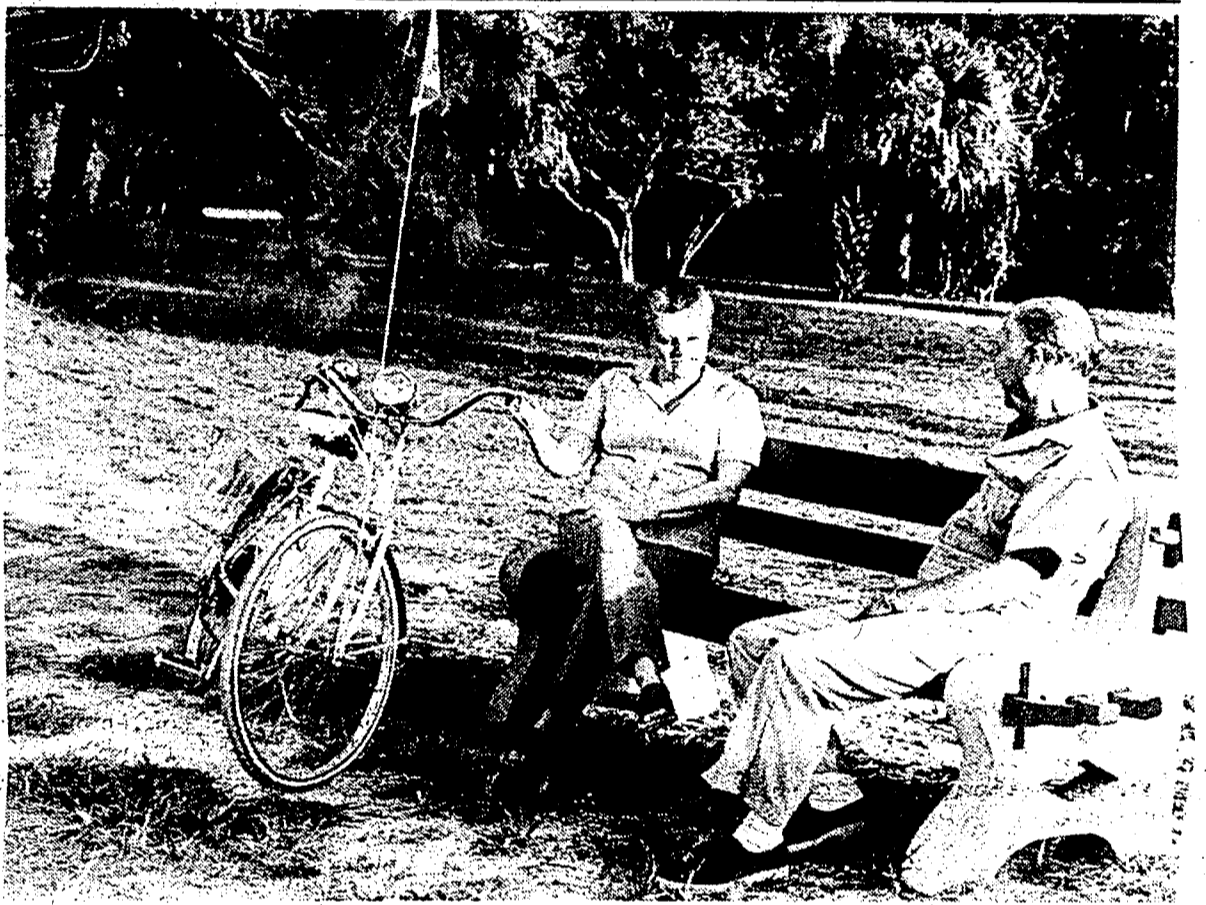
In other action, the council: • heard City Attorney Neal Bowen say briefs have been filed in the appeal of the Tracey-Ridge trailer park suit, which the city won. No date has been set for the presentation of oral arguments.

Bowen also reported that a final order in the Nationwide suit which the city won, has not been issued because of a technicality.

The city has filed for a rehearing of the Pointe Santo de Sanibel suit, which the city lost, but Bowen said no decision will be made on appealing the case until a determination is made in the Sundial appeal. Both cases center on the "single permit issue," said Bowen.

Mrs. Butler asked Bowen to contact the Federal Aviation Administration about the obstruction of the western end of the Casa Ybel Resort runway created by a Pointe Santo condominium building that is under construction.

*A hard working group of men from the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club labored on Saturday to install the cement and wooden benches to provide rest for weary travelers on the Sanibel Bike Paths. The cement framed wooden benches bear the Lions' inscription, seen here between cyclists Cookie and Bob Dugger. Lions who labored so that others may rest were Dee Amon, Jim Hermes, Bert Jenks, Bud Ketcham, George Kneram, Jim Kramer, Dave Magill, Bob Potts, Cy Runnels and John Schumacher.*



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EDITORIAL

# Day may come when islanders wish everybody rode mopeds



In the not so distant past the horse and buggy was still the only way to get from here to there.

Then came the "horseless carriage," an instrument of revolution that had impact of extraordinary significance on our life-style, our economy, our morals, and our manners.

The die-hards in the buggies cursed the gasoline burning monsters that increasingly invaded the byways, but the automobile won out speedily and handily. In no time at all it grew to be one of the country's major killers, a prime contributor to environmental degradation, but a source of infinite satisfaction to a lot of people.

The automobile soon became

king of the road. But a few rebellious souls, itching for a somewhat more leisurely pace, stuck with or turned back to the bicycle.

The auto drivers then started cursing the cyclists. In some rare and fortunate cases, as on Sanibel's Periwinkle Way, bike paths were built, and the confrontation between cyclist and driver was partially defused.

Now the "moped" appears --- a half-breed that can be peddled or motor-operated, depending on the choice of the driver.

It is powered by a quiet gasoline motor that will push the vehicle along at a top speed of 25 miles per hour.

This relatively new introduction to the islands is labelled by some a "problem" on Sanibel. It is forced up to the attention of City Hall, presumably because it is too slow for the motorist and too fast to be accepted on the bicycle paths.

What to do? The easy answer would be to "outlaw" it --- which is what some of our grandfathers wanted to do with the "horseless carriage."

A more sensible answer, in our view, is to welcome it as a rational alternative, particularly for our visitors, for getting from one place to another with the minimum of noise, pollution, and expense.

Critics of the mopeds should bear in mind that every moped taken off the road will most likely be replaced by a much bigger, higher polluting, road congesting automobile.

That won't help traffic jams and the hazards on Periwinkle Way one bit.

No doubt some justifiable restrictions could and should be placed on mopeds. If they are under power they shouldn't be permitted on the bike path, but if they are being peddled they should be allowed to use it. They should not be allowed on the beaches. The rental agencies should be required to provide a thorough briefing on the prudent and proper use of vehicles, as we know is now being done, at least in some cases.

We urge City Council to move with caution and good sense in regulating the use of mopeds on the islands. The day may well come, if automobile traffic continues to mount, when we'll wish they were the only means of transportation here.

## epilogue

By Don Whitehead

We get quite a few "letters to the editor" and we try to publish as many as possible on our Public Forum page.

The Public Forum is popular with readers and with the editorial staff of Island Reporter. It shows us that people are reading the paper, taking an interest in the issues, and showing a willingness to speak out.

We try to be very flexible in handling letters, but it's necessary to have a few general policies.

Letters of extreme length present a problem. We don't like to edit or cut the letters, but we don't like to put on a strict word limitation either. Sometimes it takes more than a couple hundred words to make a point, and the reader is entitled to reasonable space to present an argument.

This being the case, our practice is to "play it by ear." If the letter is excessively long and we just can't commit the space for it, we'll try to edit it without doing an injustice to the train of thought. If the letter is rather long, but on a subject of top public interest at the moment, we'll do our very best to publish the whole thing.

An unsigned letter will not be published. If, however, the writer provide name and address, and specifically requests that the name be withheld or a nom de plume used, we'll publish the letter -- always, of course, assuming it to be in good taste, and conforming with other standards of publishable material.

When space limitations make it impossible to publish all the letters that we have on hand, we'll try to give priority to earliest arrivals. We might, however, publish a letter on a timely subject of wide interest and defer one that seems to us to be less perishable.

We did not always do so, but we now make it a policy to give a letter from a reader essentially the same treatment that we give a news story or an editorial written by a staff member. We put a "headline" on the letter and give it a page treatment that is intended to capture the reader's attention.

This is all a part of our view that letters from readers are one of the most important elements in the paper. They deserve careful attention and they get it.

By way of footnote -- sometimes it is not made clear whether or not a letter is intended for publication or is for the personal attention of the editorial staff. When submitting a letter for publication, make it clear that publication is desired by addressing it to "Public Forum" or "to the editor," or otherwise indicating that it is for publication.

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## REPORTER REPEATERS

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Sanibel City Council considered revising the year-old building moratorium to exempt off-island property owners who might want to build at a later date.

The Council pondered Sanibel's controversial sign ordinance with an eye toward revision to streamline the permitting procedure and revamp setback requirements.

Fifty-caliber shell casings, dating back to World War II when military pilots fired at beach targets, were found popping out of the sand on Bowman's Beach.

An increase in water rates proposed by the Island Water Association was approved by the Lee County Commission for a seven-month period. The increase raised the minimum charge to each IWA customer to \$10 per month.

Lee County Community Services announced that about \$15,000 of the county's Capital Improvements Program for the 1975-76 fiscal year were earmarked to spruce up recreational facilities on the grounds of the Sanibel Elementary School.

Breckinridge "Kenny" Tremaine, Sanibel retired chemist, discusses his communications with space nomads whom he said touched down on the islands.

# Puzzler

Gertrude Webb was the first caller to correctly identify Paul Howe as last week's puzzler "who tells politicians how to do things and is sometimes appalled with government affairs."



This week's pretty six-week-old puzzler lights up the east end of the islands every morning with the radiance of her still bright brown eyes. In the evening her eyes rove westward toward a cook at the nook. If you think you can guess the identity of "brown eyes" in the picture call the Island Reporter puzzler at 472-1588 and we'll print the name of the first correct guesser in next week's issue.



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## Persons and places -

Ozzie and Zach Fischer, sons of Doug and Bari Fischer of Captiva, scale a make-believe mountain at the Periwinkle Place shopping center.



By Grace Whitehead

This week I want to continue my advice on getting into the Season's spirit.

First of all, remember that it is better to give than to receive.

In following that bit of wisdom, however, there is a method that will really pay off if you follow the rules carefully.

First, buy dozens and dozens of very inexpensive gifts. If your friends don't know each other too well, it's okay to make all the gifts the same, since they aren't likely

to compare notes. From this area, a slightly beaten up ordinary shell is appropriate enough.

Second, spend all you can afford on fancy wrapping paper. Put each of the dumb shells in a big box and wrap it beautifully.

Mail it early, and I mean early, to as many people as you know. Be absolutely sure to mark the gift clearly with the words "Do not open until Christmas."

Now send one of these packages to all the people you know -- particularly those you don't know very well, who have a lot of money, and who are inclined to have guilty consciences.

This is what will happen. A week or two before Christmas they'll get your package. They'll say "Oh, my gosh, I didn't send a gift to dear old what's-her-face." They'll rush right out, buy you a gift that is every bit as impressive as the box you put around your dumb shell, and send it off to you.

You should be warned that this isn't likely to work more than one Christmas, so it's good to have a fairly long list of friends and to save some of them for Christmases to come. This is called "playing the futures."

Some of you might think this immoral, but not if you think about it for a minute.

First of all, you are giving, and that is better than receiving. Secondly, your friends are giving, and that is making them feel real good.

If it so happens that you receive more than you give, don't let that worry you. It'll all come out even on April 15 when you get your chance to play Santa Claus to Uncle Sam.



## readers respond

What is your opinion of mopeds on the islands?

**John McCullough, Sanibel:** "I think they're an extremely good idea for an interesting, perceptive way to see the islands. But I hope that people will exercise caution in driving at this busy time of year on Periwinkle."

**Avery Daugherty, Sanibel:** "Other than on Periwinkle they don't cause any more of a problem than one bike -- it's a great way to see the island."

**Gertrude Webb, Sanibel:** "I don't think they should be on the bike paths and they're too slow to be on the streets."

**Sherry Vartdal, Sanibel:** "They're just marvelous for seeing the island, better than by car, but they're caught between not being allowed on the bike paths and going too slowly to use the roads. Teenage boys don't seem to want to stoop to mopeds, they'd rather rent a motorcycle."

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By Peter Larson

Sanibel, dateline 1984:

\*\*\* Crowds gathered here this week for the opening of "Development Center," a lavish educational facility devoted to landmark development techniques perfected on these islands early in the last decade.

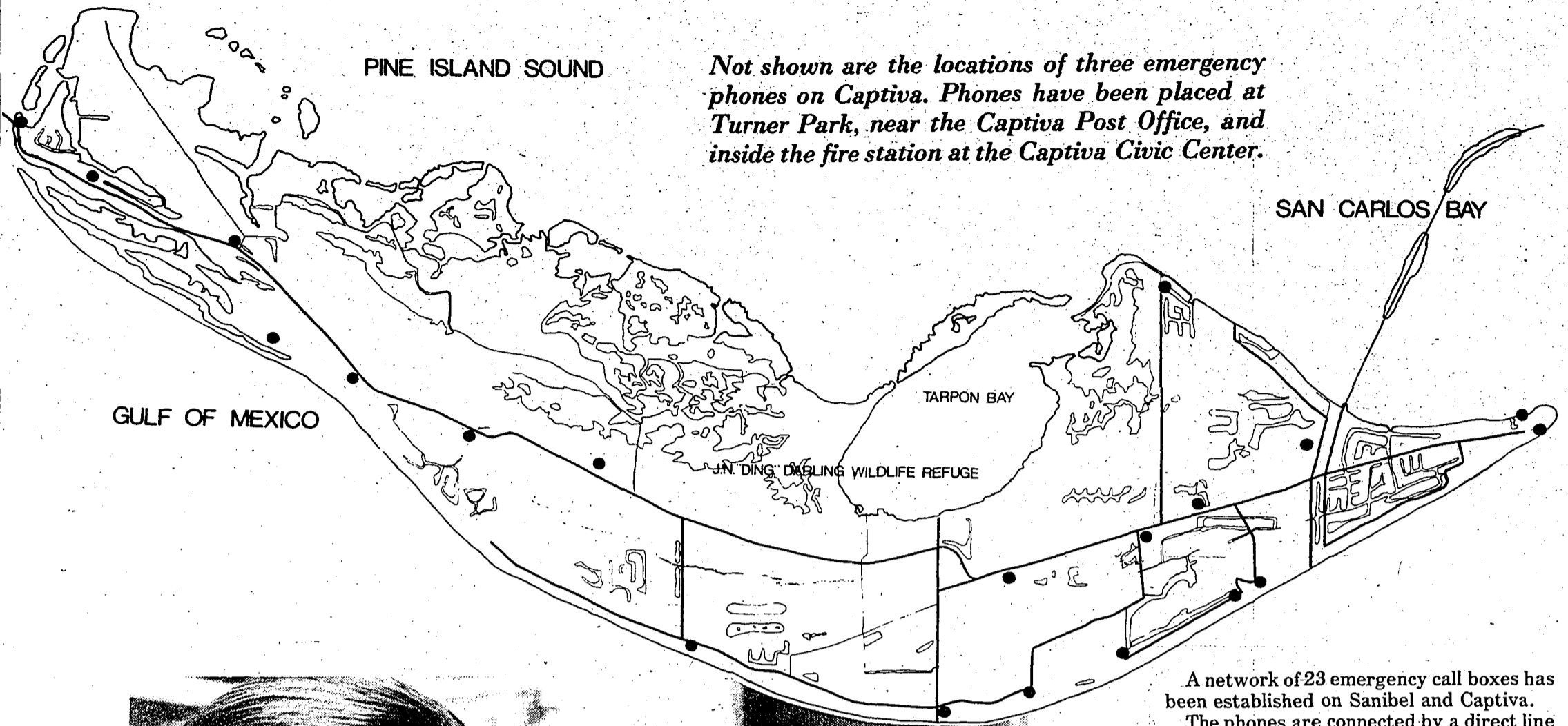
The new center -- funded solely by private contributions -- offers an array of interesting displays. Outside the center, visitors can stroll through a six acre park-preserve and view prime examples of dredge and fill construction, development seaward of the coastal setback line and building

density that would make a coral reef seem uncrowded by comparison.

\*\*\* Elsewhere on the island, moralists are decrying public prudity on Sanibel-Captiva beaches. "Some of these libertines are walking Upper Bowman's fully clothed," said an outraged matron. "If they persist in this shocking display of decorum we are prepared to shoot their clothes off with rock salt."

On some rainy days, the clothed beachgoers have reportedly started to outnumber the nudists, prompting the use of one name brand salt as shotgun ammunition. "When it rains, it pours," explained a vigilante.

# Emergency phone network established



Not shown are the locations of three emergency phones on Captiva. Phones have been placed at Turner Park, near the Captiva Post Office, and inside the fire station at the Captiva Civic Center.



A network of 23 emergency call boxes has been established on Sanibel and Captiva.

The phones are connected by a direct line to Sanibel Police headquarters on Palm Ridge Road. A caller simply opens the metal box, picks up the phone and waits for the police dispatcher to answer.

Police are alerted to a call from one of the emergency phones by a flashing light and buzzer on a small console at the police station.

The call boxes are attached to fluorescent-red concrete posts, and are topped by a numbered sign.

"You can pick up an emergency phone and get a policeman, a fireman or a medic," noted Police Chief John Butler.

The boxes were placed at beach access areas, and at spots where there are frequent accidents, breakdowns, and other emergencies.

"Last year a woman was raped at Bowman's Beach," said Butler. "It took her 30 minutes to drive to the police station to report it. If there had been a call box at Bowman's, we might have caught the guy before he got past the police station."

Police are hoping the emergency phones will also help in cutting the number of petty thefts at beach access areas. "We want people who observe someone breaking into a car to call the police on one of the phones," said Butler.

"We're not worried about abuse of the boxes," he added. "If a crank picks up a phone, we know where he's at, and we're likely to be right on top of him."

The boxes were paid for with a federal "Safe Streets Act" grant of \$10,800, a state grant of \$600, and \$600 from the city.

The boxes are located at the Lighthouse beach parking area, the Sanibel-Captiva fishing pier, the Chamber of Commerce building, the County park on Periwinkle south of the IWA water tank, at the intersection of Donax Street and Tulipa Way (near the Ramada Inn.) at the Fulger Street beach access west of Sanibel Siesta, in front of the Bank of the Islands, and at the northern end of Dixie Beach Boulevard.

There are also boxes at the Middle Gulf Drive beach access west of Sundial, in front of the Community Association building, at the junction of Casa Ybel Road and West Gulf Drive near the Casa Ybel Resort, at the Tarpon Bay Road beach access, at the southern end of Rabbit Road, in front of Sanibel Elementary, by the Wegryn Clinic, at the intersection of Sanibel-Captiva Road and Jamaica Drive, at the Bowman's Beach Road beach access, at the junction of San-Cap Road and Pine Tree Drive, and at the eastern end of the Blind Pass Bridge.

There are three emergency phones on Captiva, located at the northern end of Blind Pass Bridge, inside the fire station at the Civic Center, and near the Post Office.



New call boxes, like this one in front of the Community House, are topped by numbered signs. (Above) Police dispatcher Susan Holtz answers a test call from an emergency phone.

## Webbs stump for topics to air at pilot town meeting

"WEBBS BELIEVE SANIBELITES HAPPY AS CLAMS."

That's the headline Bill Webb suggested for this story.

Confronted with a near total lack of response to their public offer of a shoulder to lean on, Webb and his wife, Helen, have taken the offensive in trying to persuade people to come out and say what's been bugging them.

Last month the Webbs got the blessing of the Committee of the Islands to set up a New England-type town meeting with a Southern fried chicken flavor. The date set for the pilot project was January 26.

Figuring that people would jump at the chance to voice their civic concerns at such an informal get-together, the Webbs solicited letters from people detailing their concerns. That was three weeks ago.

"So far we've received a long letter from a busy executive who is concerned about access to the beach, and one from a woman who wants to know where she can go to get native plants," says Webb.

"We've been available, but nobody has stopped us at Bailey's and we've had almost no letters," Webb has talked issues with some members of the Committee of the Islands board, but he says he wants input from "the silent majority," the people who

don't always attend City Council meetings or write letters to the editor.

Despite the bad start, the Webbs have been on the stump and have identified several topics that may reach the floor at the inaugural town meeting.

"The most sensitive part of the human anatomy is the pocketbook," notes Webb. Pocketbook-type issues are sure to be examined at the meeting, he says. "Mayor Goss has told me that people need to start thinking about where the \$30 million needed for capital improvements is going to come from."

Low cost housing and the proposed change in Causeway commuter rates and identification have also been flagged as potential agenda items.

Webb said most members of the City Council, and the City Manager, plan to attend, and Monday he invited the Planning Commission.

"We may conduct a straw vote on some issues to show city officials what the public sentiment is," noted Webb. The agenda for the meeting will be announced in early January.

Depending on the response to the first meeting additional town meetings may be scheduled, according to Webb.

# PUBLIC FORUM

'Opinion in good men is but knowledge in the making' — Milton

## Defense fund tops \$21,000

To Island Reporter: December is here and Christmas is almost upon us. During the past five and a half months over 250 people have given what could be called a Christmas present to Sanibel in the form of contributions to the Sanibel Environmental Defense Fund. These public spirited individuals have volunteered over \$21,000 to the cause of fighting legal battles in defense of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and the environment it seeks to protect.

With the excitement of the fall elections, nationally and locally, behind us, it's time to say emphatically that support for the SEDF is still enthusiastic. Plans are being made to call attention to the legal threats currently being made against the expressed wishes of a vast majority of island citizens and lovers of Sanibel, and the dangers that lie ahead.

A modest beginning from letters to the editor of the Island Reporter, such as this one, resulted in a remarkable, spontaneous outpouring.

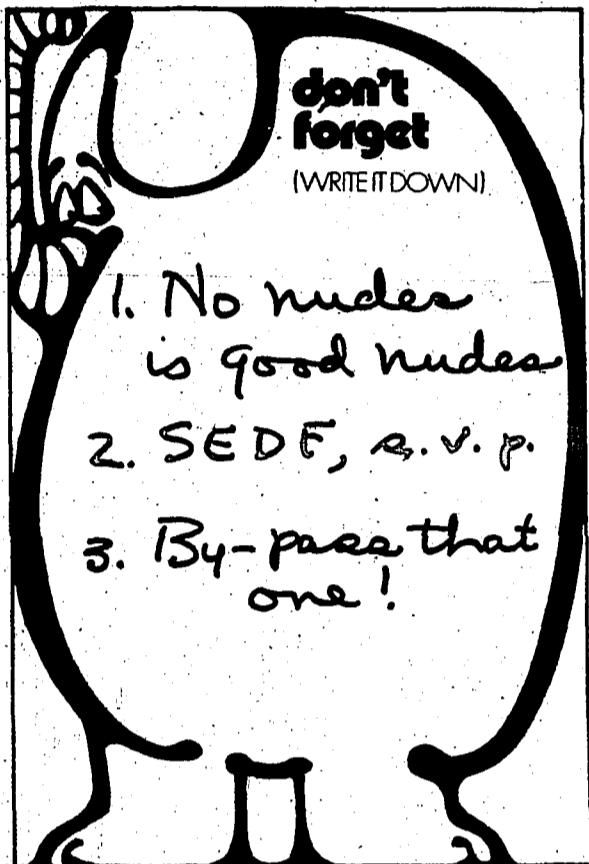
More, much more, is needed if the tax deductible business expenses of determined opposition are to be countered by funds other than the tax dollars of a city operating with as low a budget as possible. These business expenses, in some instances, are a drop in the bucket compared to potential profits.

The SEDF, a brainchild of the farsightedness and vitality of Charlotte Heimann and Anina Hills Glaize, is now a special interest-bearing bank account of the City of Sanibel. Funds are removed from it only at the direction of the City Council for legal defense.

Contributions to the City of Sanibel, earmarked for the SEDF are, in the opinion of the City Attorney, deductible for federal income tax purposes.

With the enthusiasm, approval and assistance of the originators of the fund, and of many others, an organized effort will be made by private citizens in early 1977 to enlarge the SEDF dramatically.

In the meantime those interested in making a 1976 tax deductible gift may make checks payable to the City of Sanibel and mail them to Bank of the Islands, 1699 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Sincerely yours, /s/ Ed Underhill



## Trowbridge scores bypass

[The following letter, dated December 3, 1976, was sent to all members of the City Council and was submitted to Island Reporter for publication.]

To Island Reporter: I am disappointed and appalled at the suggestion for the Causeway by-pass connection shown in the Island Reporter of November 19th. It appears to contain the same intellectual engineering value as the one designed for Miners Plaza intersection which is now being redone at heavy taxpayers' expense.

The commitment to a proposed Causeway by-pass now for three million dollars north of Periwinkle is unrealistic both in cost and in evaluating island priorities. The entry to Sanibel, four corners controlled by a traffic light, is on par with every other intersection in the United States. Surely

this majestic island which we all love deserves a better front door.

Please, for the sake of tax dollars, esthetics, and function ability, use some imagination and consider traffic circles, cul de sacs, or other intersection configurations such as you find in Europe and Latin American countries.

The extending and completion of Gulf Drive is the most excellent and low cost alternative to relieve traffic on Periwinkle and I believe the City Council should direct its attention and limited dollars to these ends.

I would be most happy to extend whatever time or expertise I possess to trying to find a better solution to the entry of Sanibel than a four-cornered intersection with a traffic light. /s/ Keith W. Trowbridge.

## Kylo commends police

To Island Reporter: I wish to commend the Sanibel Police for the very efficient way they carried out the arrests for obscenity and nudity on Bowman's Beach last Sunday.

This should be a very good beginning for cleaning up this beach so residents and their guests and grandchildren can freely walk this beautiful beach without fear of being exposed to this sort of thing. We do not want the reputation of our island smirched by these characters who are evidently very much in need of mental therapy.

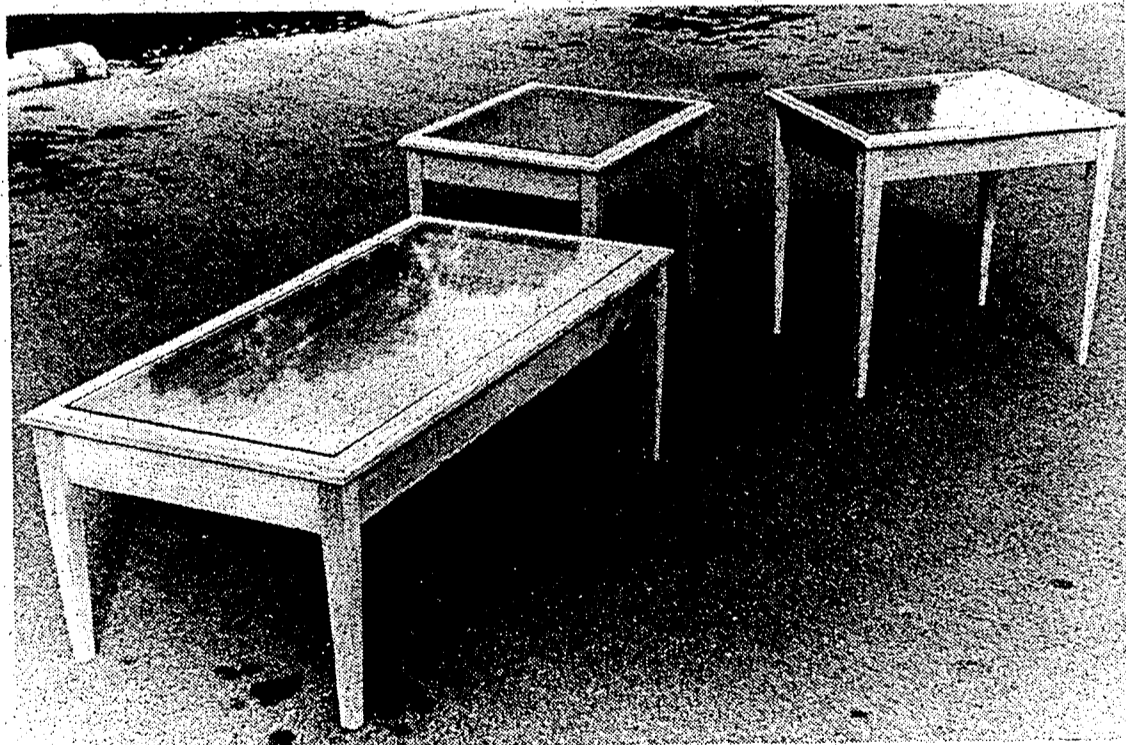
I sincerely hope that the parents of teenagers (a group of which were also there) make certain of where their children are and what they are doing before it is too late. /s/ Alyce Kylo

P.S. To Dreamer: It wasn't the eyes I was to aim at but the other end of the donkey -- dream on. If you are ashamed to sign your name there is still hope for you.

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# Coastal zone task force convenes in Tallahassee

A coastal zone management program for Florida moved another step forward this week at a top drawer meeting in Tallahassee.

The conferees, meeting in Governor Askew's conference room on Tuesday, included members of the Governor's task force charged with development of a state structure for coastal zone management, and several "experts" from around the state. The task force was created by the Governor in November.

Sanibel's Mayor Porter Goss, invited to participate in the December 7 session of the task force, said that he thought it

represented a good beginning toward development of coastal zone management policies and, ultimately, creation of the mechanisms necessary to carry out the policies.

Bob Knecht, Director of the Office of Coastal Zone Management in the U.S. Department of Commerce, was present at the Tallahassee session.

The Governor's task force include state legislators, a county commissioner, member of city council, and several officials of the executive department. It is chaired by Dr. John DeGrove, director of the Florida Atlantic University-Florida International

University Joint Center for Environmental and Urban Problems.

A substantial amount of federal money is available for coastal zone management. In order to secure the federal funds the state must set up coastal zone management organization and that is a function of the task force.

In this, its third, grant year the state of Florida will receive \$900,000. Present federal law provides that 80 percent of program money can be provided by the federal government, matched locally by 20 percent.

Originally a three year program, it has now been extended to 1978, with planning for coastal management the primary purpose in this phase.

Goss said that there was discussion in Tallahassee that about 50 percent of the money received by the state should go to the local government level.

"But Sanibel hasn't received any as yet, for some good reasons," Goss added. "The mechanism for distributing the funds hasn't been set up and this was one purpose of the Tuesday meeting. Furthermore, Lee County hasn't as yet fully met the standards that are required for securing the federal funds."

Goss said that he was surprised and

pleased to learn how well-known and highly regarded throughout the state is Sanibel's progress in land-use planning.

"There seems to be amazement that we made so much progress in such a short period of time, and as a coastal community this serves us well," Goss said. "I hope it will pay us well, too, when federal funds start flowing to the local level."

## Budgie flees nest

An injured parakeet, found on Thanksgiving Day near the Sand Castles Motel on West Gulf Drive and nurtured back to health by Jo St. Aubin, has fled again.

Before two callers, who responded to the story of the found parakeet in the last issue of Island Reporter, could view the budgie for identification it had departed.

"One of our kittens somehow came on the porch where we kept the parakeet in a cage and opened the cage door. We know the bird eluded the predatory kitten, but it also escaped and we can't find it," said Mrs. St. Aubin.

"One of the callers identified the wrong color of the bird and the other was able to supply a matching description but could not be sure until she saw the bird personally, and then it was too late."

## Governor names Goss to Metro

Sanibel's Mayor Porter Goss has been named by Governor Askew to serve as the City's representative on newly formed Metropolitan Planning Organization for Lee County.

The City had earlier agreed to an interlocal agreement that involves also the Lee County Commission, City of Fort Myers, Cape Coral, and the Lee County School Board.

The MPO, one of 15 to be formed in the urbanized areas of the state, will be charged

with planning and coordinating county road and transportation projects.

The interlocal agreement is the first step, said Goss. It will now be necessary for the MPO to engage in a similar agreement with the state's Department of Transportation.

The organization is designed to prevent fragmentation of transportation planning for metropolitan areas. Furthermore, the organization is necessary if funds are to be received from the federal government for transportation projects.



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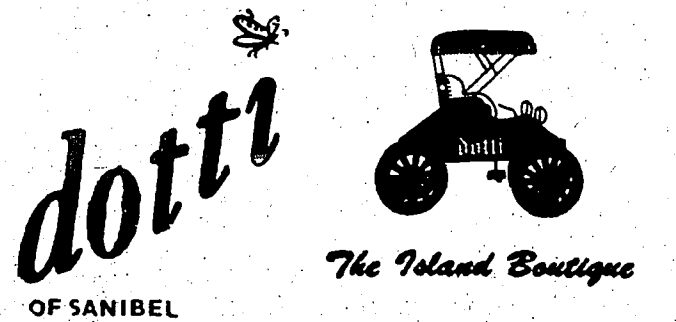


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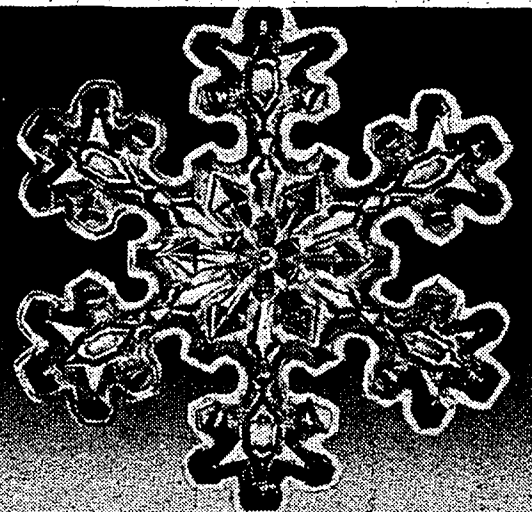
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# Reed, Damroth combine to preserve valued lands

When Assistant Secretary of the Interior Nat Reed was on Sanibel this week there wasn't much discussion of one of his "pet projects," but it has a significance that will last long after Reed, a Republican, has cleaned out his desk in Washington to make room for an appointee of the new Carter administration.

Reed, in addition to a lot of other duties, is honorary chairman and a big pusher of The American Land Trust, an organization kicked off in 1976 for the purpose of raising \$200 million in land or cash donations to help save the nation's environmentally unique lands.

Reed was convinced that there was "too much plastic" in many of the plans for the Bicentennial celebration. He wanted to see something that would endure after the Bicentennial year had passed into history.

Today the American Land Trust is a huge organization in terms of organized volunteers, a very small organization in terms of permanent paid staff. It has only five full time people to cope with the organization's man-sized goal.

To help "market" the organization's project --- a call to cooperation in saving "our dwindling natural land heritage" --- Reed and his cohorts called on Sanibel resident, former business executive turned nature photographer, William Damroth.

Damroth now virtually commutes between Sanibel and Washington, volunteering his time to a project for which he is an enthusiastic propagandist.

Recruited to help in selling the appealing cause of The American Land Trust is one of America's most widespread organizations -- the National Council of State Garden Clubs.

The Garden Clubs, Damroth says, have about a half million members, and about 30,000 of them are in Florida.

"They now have over 13,000 Garden Clubs working on the Land Trust project," boasts Damroth.

With an impressive visual sales representations and an emotionally appealing

product to sell --- the volunteers of the Land Trust go to major companies and big executives with their pitch.

"Many companies have big land holdings that they can't put to economic use," explains Damroth, the ace travelling salesman for the cause. "After environmentalists survey the lands, decide what should be purposefully saved for the future, the Land Trust can accept the land as a gift. The companies get a favorable tax break and, in some cases, dispose of land they couldn't use anyway."

From Tiger Creek in Florida, where the Land Trust is seeking some 2000 acres of highly valued lands, to the West Coast, the volunteers of The American Land Trust are out beating the bushes for new lands to save.

But it isn't just a cause seeking support of the very rich. Those who donate even the modest sum of \$10 are recognized with the American Land Trust's Honorary Trustee certificate, a one-year membership in The Nature Conservancy, and a quarterly magazine, "The Nature Conservancy News."

"It's really quite a buy and a good Christmas gift for America," commented one enthusiastic supporter of the project.

Nat Reed gave that a hearty "amen," as he left Sanibel and headed back to Washington.



Reed, fourth from left, at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation dinner.

## IWA members adopt tax exemption clause

An amendment to the by-laws of the Island Water Association was approved by the membership without opposition Monday.

The amendment clears the way for the IWA to qualify for a new state law that exempts all non-profit water and sewer companies from ad valorem taxes.

The change was approved by a unanimous vote in a special meeting of IWA members Monday. There were only 12 people in attendance, but with the help of 790

proxies, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 802 to 0.

In a letter sent to members notifying them of the special meeting, IWA President Jim Robson said General Manager Larry Snell was instrumental in lobbying for the change in the state law a year ago.

The tax exemption should save the Association \$100,000 in 1977, said Robson.

The amendment approved Monday requires that if and when the Association pays off all debts, ownership of the corporation

will revert to Lee County. "This requirement is not too onerous as we can make sure that we are never completely out of debt," wrote Robson.

IWA officials have said privately they expect the City of Sanibel to either purchase the water company or assume the franchise from the county before the Association's debts are cleared.

A recent loan made to the IWA by the Farmers Home Administration will not be paid off until 2017, according to Robson. "There will be more loans in the future as the Association grows," he said.

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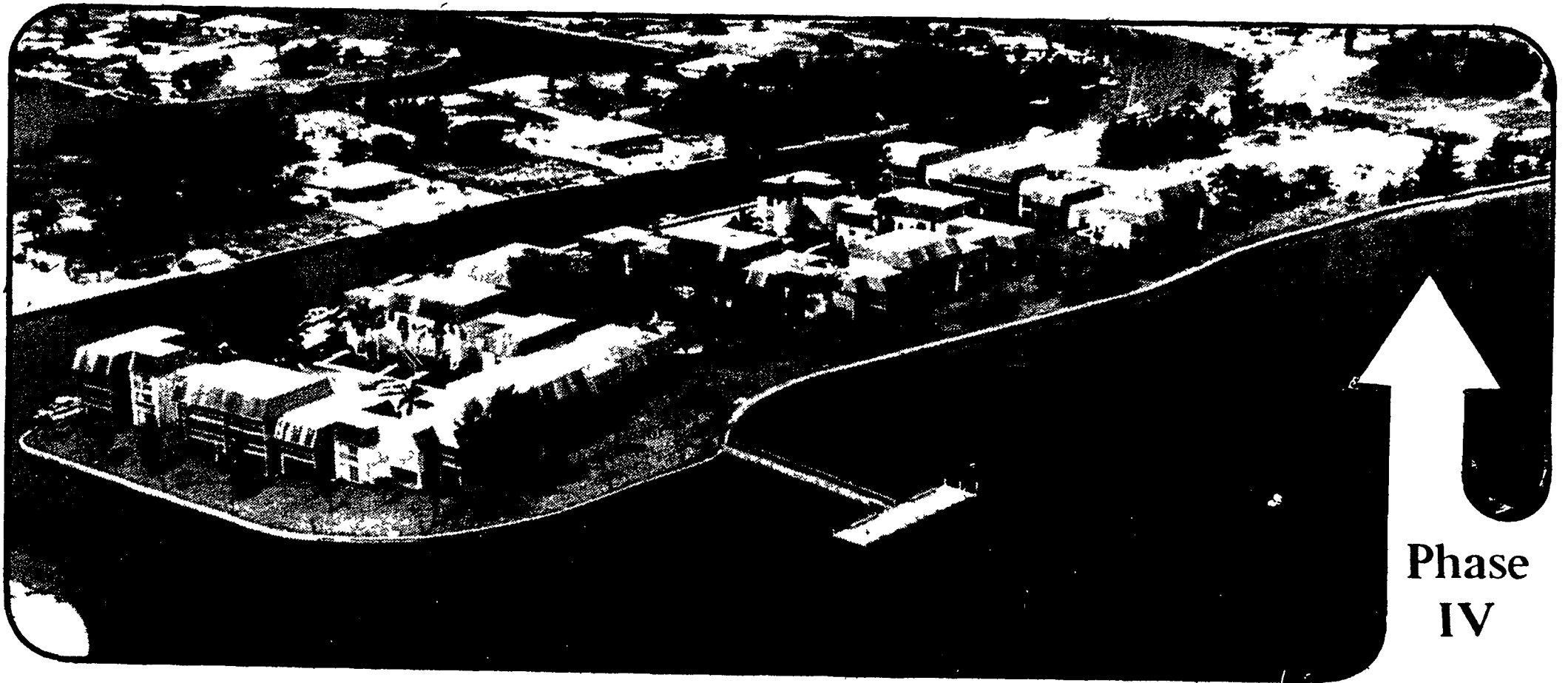
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# Colorful whelks, olives glitter on Christmas tree

Nancy's letter to her granddaughter, Rhonda, concerning happenings on the beach near the Simonson's shell shop, The Green Flash, Captiva, deals with decorating shell Christmas tree ornaments this week.....

Dear Rhonda,  
 Christmas will be here and I hope you have been busy making lots of shell ornaments for your driftwood Christmas tree. If you are anything like me you probably still have lots of shells left and are wondering what you can do with them.

I have a great idea brought to me by an old Cape Cod friend, Hal Reed from Bourne, Massachu-

setts. He came into The Green Flash with a box full of the prettiest ornaments I have ever seen and was generous enough to tell me just how he made them all. You will need white glue, lots of

Make the hangers for your ornaments first. This can be done by either drilling a small hole through the shell and threading with nylon fishing line or Christmas cord, or by glueing a hanger directly into the shell. When this is all done spread out several sheets of wax paper -- one for each color glitter that you plan to use -- to catch the excess glitter as you work with it.

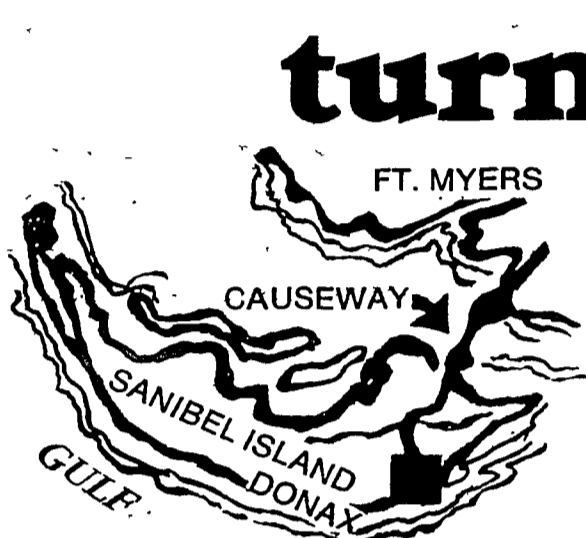
Basically what we are going to do is decorate the shells with different colors of glitter, using a striped effect, or whatever design you like. For instance, let's start with a pen shell and decorate it

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## letter from a beachcomber

glitter in various colors, wax paper, a can of clear spray or lacquer, and a good supply of shells such as small whelks, old maid's curls, olives, apple murex, oyster shells and pen shells.



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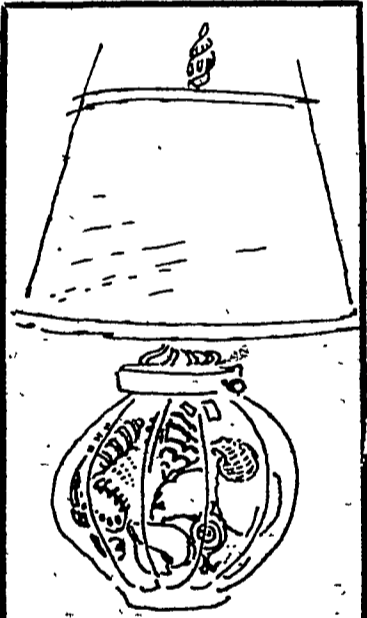
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with alternating stripes of red, blue, green and gold. At the outer edge apply a small strip of the white glue, then, holding the shell over a sheet of the wax paper sprinkle onto the glue of layer of red glitter. When this is dry, apply another strip of white glue right beside the first one and sprinkle on a layer of the blue glitter.

Continue to work this way, alternating the colors until the entire shell is covered, inside and out. You will find it much quicker to work with several shells at once, working with one color at a time and letting the glue dry in

between. The large oyster shells adapt themselves very well to small manger scenes. Glue them in and apply the glitter around them.

When all the ornaments are finished and dry, spray them thoroughly with the acrylic or lacquer spray to preserve the glitter and prevent it from falling off.

Hal left the box of ornaments here at the shop, so stop by and see them. Maybe you'll find ideas for your own Christmas tree.

Happy shelling, and remember to throw back the live ones. With love.

*Nancy*

**Students stage original Christmas play**

In 1941 a young man attended the Sanibel Elementary School when it was quartered in the building now housing the Pirate Playhouse. William Powell, Jr. and his mother, Mrs. William Powell, return to that school at least once annually to see a play and revive old memories.

Last year Mrs. Powell wrote a one-act play titled "The Warren's Surprise," with a Christmas theme, and presented it to Ruth Hunter, co-proprietor of the Playhouse,

with the thought in mind it could be performed by students at the Elementary School.

Mrs. Powell's wish will be fulfilled next Thursday night at the annual Sanibel Elementary School Christmas pageant when young students will present "The Warren's Surprise." All islanders and visitors are welcome to attend the pageant and there is no admission charge.

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**PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF SANIBEL**

The Sanibel City Council will conduct a Public Hearing at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 4, 1977 at MacKenzie Hall to consider a request from Robert J. Johnson, President, Latham Corporation for Specific Amendments to Section 3.2.2: Development Intensity

Map and 3.3.1: Residential Densities, Paragraph 3, of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The amendment request is to permit the completion of construction of King's Crown Condominium to allow a maximum of sixty-six units on the site located on Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, & part of 7, Sedgemoor Subdivision (Unrecorded), Government Lot 4, Section 35, Town-

ship 46 South, Range 22 East, Sanibel, Lee County, Florida (Gulf Drive, west of intersection at Gulf Drive and Tarpon Bay Roads). The public is most welcome to attend.

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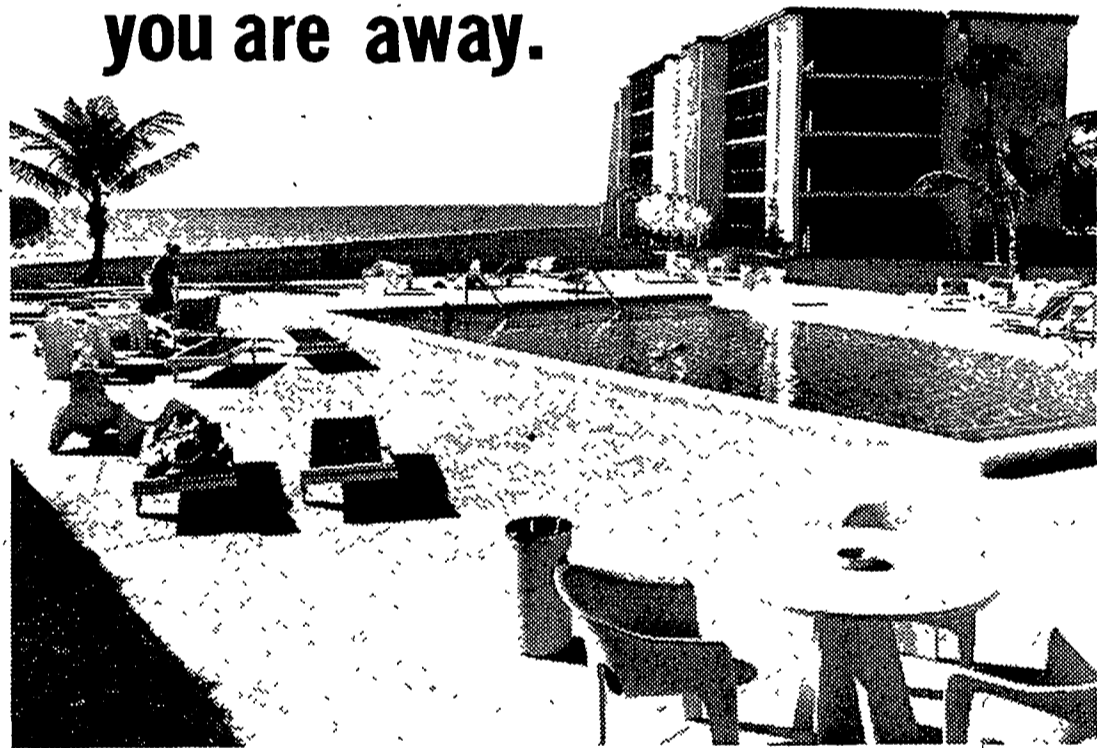
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## AGENDA

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CITY OF SANIBEL  
AGENDA  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MACKENZIE HALL  
December 13, 1976

9:00 a.m. Approval of Minutes of November 8, November 22, and December 6.

9:15 a.m. Consider a request by Casuarina Corporation for a Development Permit to construct Buildings 6, 7, and 8 and two tennis courts (Sanibel Beach Club, Phase II).

9:45 a.m. Consider a request by Sam Price for a Specific Amendment to Section 3.3.5: Commercial Yard Requirements, of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan to permit the construction of decorative fencing in the parking area of Casa del Mama Restaurant at 1625 Periwinkle Way.

10:15 a.m. Consider a request for a Development Permit by Eugene Spencer to subdivide a parcel of land in Government Lot 1, Section 29, Township 46 South, Range 22 East, Sanibel, Lee County, Florida (Gulf Drive).

10:45 a.m. Consider a request for a Development Permit by Texas Nominee Corporation to construct an addition to a lounge and a storage room on a parcel consisting of lots 8, 9, 14, 18, 19, 20 and parcel marked "exception," Block 9, Sanibel Shores subdivision, site of the Ramada Inn and Top O' The Mast II.

11:00 a.m. Consider a request by James O. and Helen G. Evans for a Specific Amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan to change the present Restricted Commercial area at the north end of Rabbit Road to regular Commercial; and to extend the area 1300 feet southerly along Rabbit Road.

11:30 a.m. Report from Director of Planning.

11:45 a.m. Reports from Planning Commission Members.

12:00 noon Report from Planning Commission Chairman.

ADJOURNMENT

1:30 p.m. Consider approving a Resolution opposing inclusion of the Department of Regional Impact Process in the proposed "Consolidated State Environmental Permitting System".

Continuation of Public Hearing on the following proposed Ordinances:

1. Adopting National Electrical Code
2. Adopting Southern Standard Plumbing Code.
3. Adopting Southern Standard Mechanical Code.

2:00 p.m. Preliminary report and discussion of draft Ordinance regulating mopeds.

2:30 p.m. Discussion of proposed Ordinance prohibiting commercial fishing within canals.

2:45 p.m. Discussion of proposed amendment to Dog Ordinance (No. 75-68) involving more stringent restraint provisions.

Public Inquiries and Comments.  
Adjournment.

### School pageant

The annual Sanibel Elementary School pageant will take place next Thursday, December 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the school on the Sanibel-Captiva Road, and parents, islanders and visitors are urged to attend.

Grades kindergarten through five will each present a Christmas carol, and Santa Claus will make a visit to distribute treats from the P.T.A.

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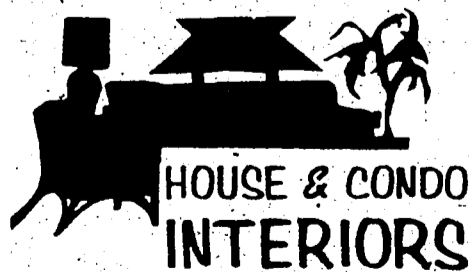
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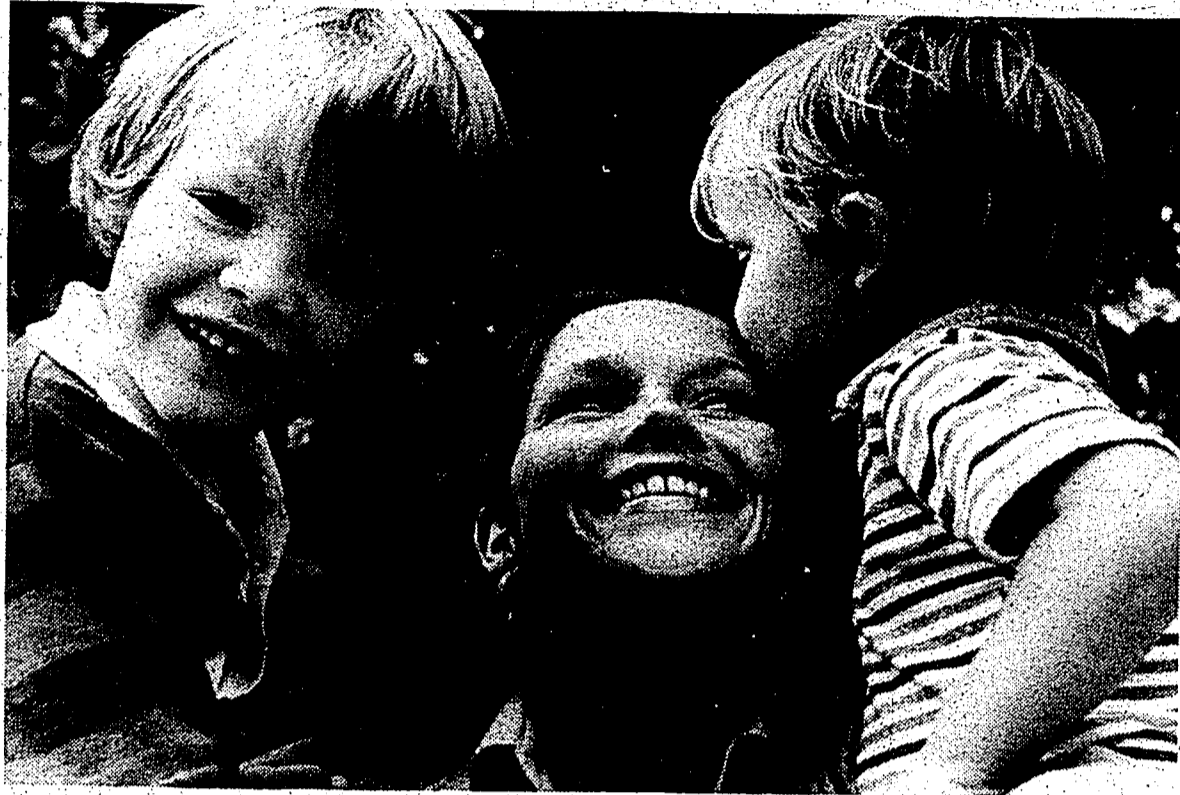
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# Children's Center hosts gala

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Tickets to the gourmet dinner and dance are \$12.50 each and may be purchased at the door if a reservation is phoned in to South Seas at 472-1551.

Mrs. Fischer urged all islanders to support this major fund raiser for the Center to aid in continuing its operation at the old Bailey store on San Carlos Bay.

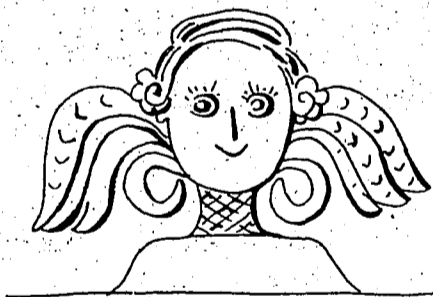
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The hero of our story found a way to assure the contract without taking either finesse. Four of five declarers failed to plan correctly when playing the following hand at our last game. The message here is not to take unnecessary finesses.

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#### PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF SANIBEL

The Sanibel City Council will conduct a Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 4, 1977, at MacKenzie Hall to consider a request for a Specific Amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan submitted by Jim Robson. The petition requests a waiver to the provision of Section 3.3.5: Commercial Yard Requirements, paragraph 2, of the Plan. The area affected by the amendment request is Lots 1 and 2, Block D of Palm Ridge Subdivision (corner Palm Ridge and Tarpon Bay Roads). The public is most welcome to attend.

Mildred L. Howze  
Deputy City Clerk

12-10

#### PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF SANIBEL

The Sanibel City Council will conduct a Public Hearing at 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, January 4, 1977, at MacKenzie Hall to consider a request for a Specific Amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan submitted by Charles J. McCullough, President, Big Spring Oil Company, Inc. The petition requests a waiver to the provisions of Sections 3.1.3: Coastal Construction Setback Line, Section 3.3.1: Residential Densities, and Section 3.3.2.1: Residential Yard Requirements, of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The area affected by the amendment request is Sanibel Harbours Subdivision, specifically Lots 12, 27, 32, 33, 34 and 40. The public is most welcome to attend.

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Interesting [not so] trivia: Duncan McDonald won the non-masters President's Cup pairs at the 1955 summer national bridge tournament, playing with I. Rooks. Duncan is one of our regular players during the season.

The next game will be tonight at 7:30 p.m.

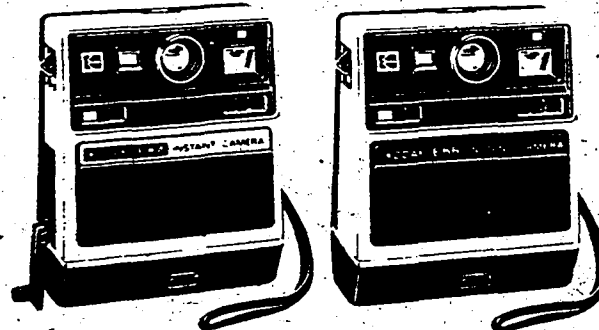
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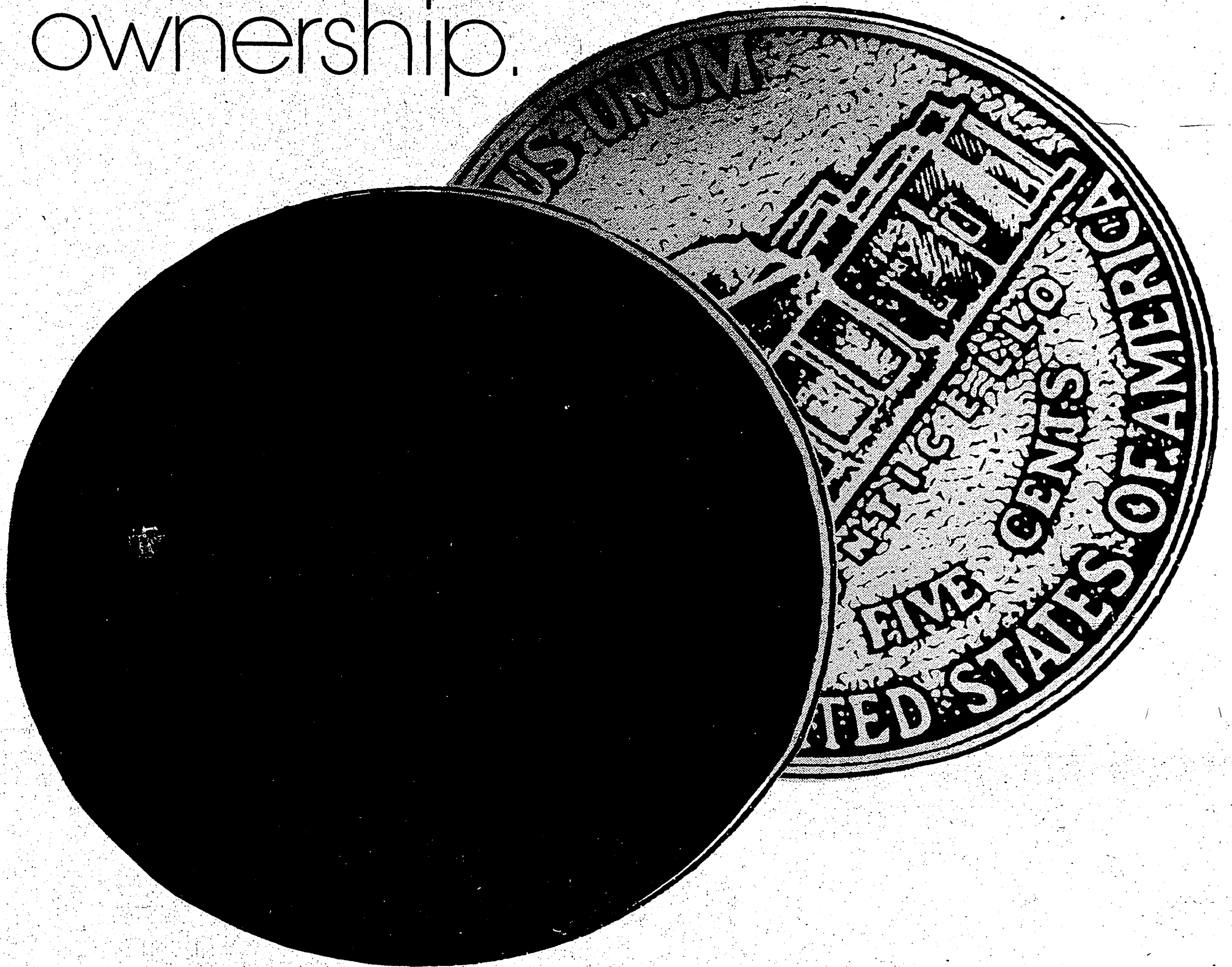


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Jeanne Haff, party chairman, added life and liveliness to the venerable old meeting hall to celebrate its fifty years of service to the islands.

Over 200 people enjoyed the music of what was described "a very danceable band" and several enthusiastic partygoers paid to have the music continue after the anticipated closing hour.

"We've had members and former members of the Sanibel Community Association here tonight that I haven't seen in years," declared one Association official.

New islanders and old islanders mingled in a festive spirit stimulated by lavish Christmas decorations arranged by Cookie and Bob Dugger.

The islands' first lady, Charlotta Matthews, now a resident of Fort Myers, honored the assemblage by stopping by the building.

Esperanza Woodring, widow of Sam Woodring, one of the major contributors to the building of the Community House, was present. Mrs. Woodring has long been an Association booster and served on many committees in the past 50 years.

A movie of the highlights of the Bicentennial Festival Week-end activities on the island was cancelled but will be shown at a dinner meeting of the Association in the future.

A cash bar, presided over by Dee Amon and Dick Muench, added spirit, or spirits, to the occasion, and an impromptu performance on the Boom-bah by Jim Hermes and Bob Potts was a highlight of the evening.

Jeanne Haff has extended thanks to her committee and the many people who brought canapes and tid-bits.

Echoing pleasure at the dance it has been suggested by many that it be made an annual, perhaps semi-annual, event.

# Partiers could have danced all night

Over 200 people enjoyed the music of a 'very danceable' band at the Sanibel Community Association's Golden Anniversary party.



## Shell Club gala

All members and shell fans are invited to the annual Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club gala Christmas party next Wednesday, December 15 at the Community House. "Santa Shell" will visit and distribute appropriate gifts to everyone.

The principal speaker will be Robert Bonner of Fort Myers whose topic will be "Shelling in the Florida Keys," illustrated with slides.

Refreshments will be served following the program and new president Anne Joffe has announced that "there will be some nice door prizes given away."

Copies of the newest issue of the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club News will be distributed that evening to all members.

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# Bird specimens collected in Baytex study

● from 1-A

test Baytex fogging, coordinated early Monday morning with the Lee County Mosquito Control District.

The Fish and Wildlife Service began its work Friday -- three days before the test fogging -- by collecting specimens of shore birds within the 4,700 acre "Ding" Darling Refuge. The refuge remained closed while manager Glen Bond shot birds to be used as a "control" group in examining the effect drifting insecticide may have on vertebrates. The brain is an indicator organ, said Bond, where such chemical compounds

collect and area accessible for read-out of their influence upon bodily functions.

The refuge was closed again Monday, the day of the fogging, and Thursday, three days after the test spraying, to allow the collection of more specimens. A total of 16 birds were collected, said Bond, representing two bird species. The birds' heads were later frozen and shipped by air to Atlanta for analysis, with some specimens possibly destined for the Fish and Wildlife Research Center at Patuxent, Maryland. A conclusion on the effects of Baytex on the birds is not expected for several months.

Studies conducted by the Environmental

Protection Agency were led by Dr. Delbert Hicks, aquatic specialist for the EPA. Hicks, aided by an engineer, two air specialists and the chief of the EPA pesticide branch, undertook "followup" experiments on toxicity studies made last June.

According to Hicks the team employed several tests to evaluate the techniques of Baytex application under the present EPA

label regulations. Under scrutiny were the methods and dosage of Baytex used by the Lee County Mosquito Control District, as well as the chemical's derivatives in water and air and the effect it has on marine organisms such as shrimp and gambusia fish.

For the Monday fogging, six test sites

● continued on next page

## Jones presents Center plans

● from 1-A

Captiva Conservation Foundation at the completion of a speech in which he heaped praise on the SCCF for its environmental accomplishments and on the City of Sanibel for its land-use planning.

The SCCF 10th annual meeting was also highlighted by an illustrated presentation on the proposed Conservation Center.

In his statement on the SCCF project, planned on a 207-acre tract on Sanibel-Captiva Road (see Island Reporter, Dec. 3, 1976), Foundation chairman Dewitt Jones said that it was an ambitious project -- "but no more so than the need to provide continuing environmental protection, interpretation, and appreciation for the islands." Jones projected a dazzling selection of

color slides that he had taken on the site of the planned Conservation Center and he stressed the importance of widespread financial support for the new facility.

The capacity crowd witnessed the presentation of the Foundation's first annual awards for environmental and conservation service rendered in 1976. In addition, Jones singled out several individuals who had made what he termed "significant contributions" to environmental work on the islands.

In his annual report, Foundation director Dick Workman referred to the organization's role in facilitating state purchase of lands on Cayo Costa and Upper Captiva; work on management of water quantity and quality on Sanibel; and numerous other activities undertaken by the Foundation during the past year.



George Campbell and a team of federal scientists examine testing site after experimental fogging.

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# Reed confident study will answer questions

● from 20-A

were selected by the EPA: three along the island's eastern Bay shoreline and three near the interior of the island. For the test fogging only the three Bay shoreline sites were sprayed. Comparison of data collected at the coastal and inland sites should help establish the drift patterns of the chemical, said Hicks.

"Basically, we don't know what's happening to this material once it leaves the airplanes," Hicks said Monday. "Baytex is affected by light, hydrology and temperature; it changes wherever it is dropped. So far we have been unable to account for all of the chemical once it leaves the planes."

Hicks said studies last week at Lee County Airport established that the Mosquito Control District's measurements of Baytex discharge are practically flawless. "They are dispensing exactly what they say they are dispensing," he explained.

Toxicity studies conducted last June did establish that even when applied by label restrictions, Baytex is falling on Sanibel in quantities lethal to pink shrimp. "But we had some concentrations that should have been lethal but weren't," noted Hicks, adding that some unknown agent may have deactivated the chemical's toxicity. "Or else our sampling techniques were in error," he added.

The recent experiments could conceivably lead, Hicks said, to tougher label restrictions on the use of Baytex. "It could

be that the EPA will allow no spraying of Baytex within five miles of an estuarine system," he remarked.

Asked his reaction to arrival of the team of scientists on Sanibel, Nat Reed told Island Reporter that he was "absolutely confident" the studies would result in "a satisfactory answer to the questions that have been posed concerning fenthion."

He said that he couldn't predict exactly how long it would take to get the results of the studies but added that he believed it "essential" to come up with some conclusions as soon as possible.

Asked whether he thought the Department of Interior would have authority to regulate the use of the pesticide on all of Sanibel, as well as the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge, Reed said "probably so," but added that he did not believe this would be necessary.

He said that he was confident that Wayne Miller of the Lee County Mosquito Control District wanted to carry out his responsibilities as effectively and safely as possible, taking into account the health and safety of the people of the islands as well as any possible environmental impact of fenthion.

The use of Baytex has been questioned before by federal scientists. In a report on new pesticides and pollutants published in 1974, William H. Stickel of the U.S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, said fenthion, or Baytex, "is peculiarly toxic to birds."

"It caused the death of thousands of desirable birds when things went wrong

with aerial applications in both Louisiana and North Dakota," wrote Stickel. Even in normal, careful use as a mosquito control agent, he added, "fenthion remains active in dead and struggling invertebrates (like shrimp) to kill at least a few birds, often shore birds, in nearly any application that is carefully studied."

The negative aspects of the chemical are also cited in the EPA label for the chemical. "This product is toxic to fish and wildlife," state the label directions. "Birds feeding on treated areas may be killed ... Shrimp and crab may be killed at application rates recommended on this label. Do not apply where these are important resources ... Keep out of lakes, streams or ponds."

Baytex, a liquid concentrate usually used in ground spraying, has been employed for some 20 years by the Lee County Mosquito Control District. The District began relying heavily on the chemical 11 years ago in a program of thermal fogging, a process whereby the chemical is heated and released in fog form over areas infested with adult mosquitos.

The advantages of the chemical are numerous: unlike dibrom, a similar compound, Baytex is not corrosive to metal and can be stored for relatively long periods of time. It is much less toxic to humans and wildlife than dursban, another chemical. Compared to malathion, Baytex is 50 percent cheaper and does not result in the problem of genetic resistance.

Wayne Miller, Director of the Lee County

Mosquito Control, said he believes the recent testing will uphold the use of Baytex here and will lead to a wider use of the chemical in the future. "I think the tests will help us find more ways to use Baytex," said Miller.

Miller said he was "delighted" with the tests:

"We've run numerous tests ourselves and commissioned outside studies," Miller noted. "This is just part of a continuing study for us and we welcome all the information on Baytex we can get."

On Sanibel the Mosquito Control District's most ardent critic has been George Campbell. Often to the consternation of his neighbors and other islanders, Campbell has decried the use of Baytex and "Abate," a chemical larvicide the District uses in conjunction with Baytex.

Though the Mosquito Control District uses Baytex in approximately one third the amount recommended by the EPA label, Campbell has pointed out that it is unlawful to use any pesticide "... in any manner inconsistent with its labeling."

Locally, Campbell first stated his case against Baytex and Abate in an article that appeared two years ago in Island Reporter. "If Sanibel is to remain a sanctuary, if the Darling Refuge is to retain its populations, if the wilderness beyond the dyke is to be true wilderness as defined by the Wilderness Act, then certain measures need to be taken," said Campbell, "and one of them is to stop dumping lethal toxicants on our environment."

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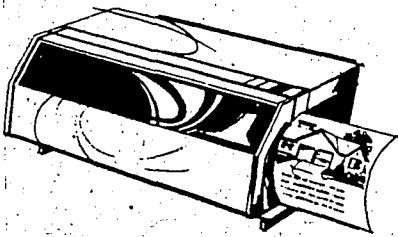
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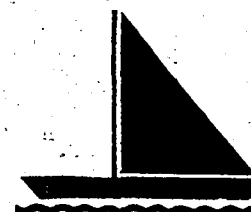
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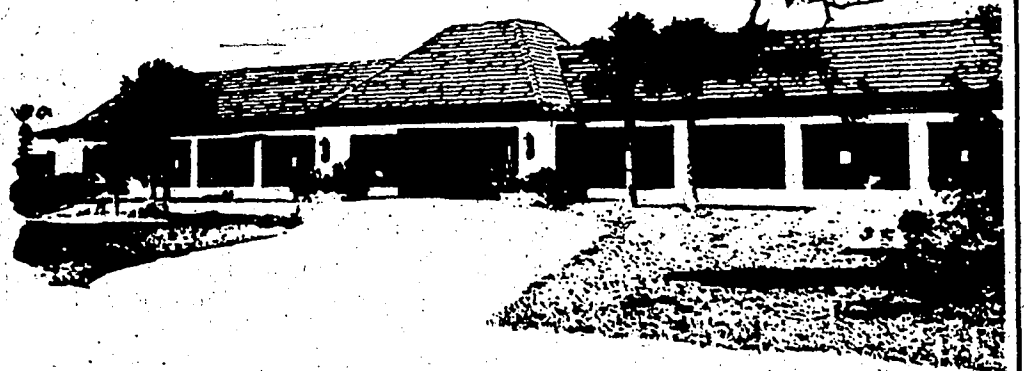
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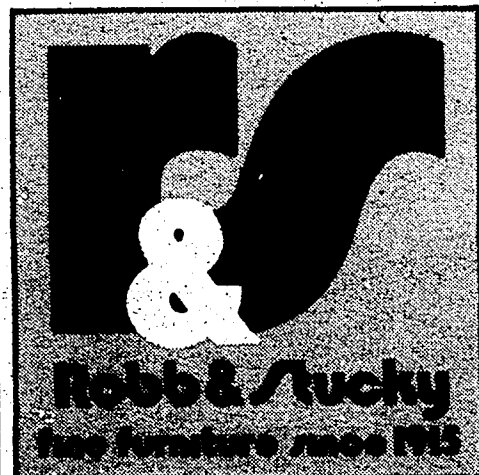
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*Murder, intrigue, sports among choices*

By Freda Iurka

A doctor working with a group of drug addicts is murdered in "Rouse the Demon" by Carolyn Weston.

Donald Westlake's latest, "Dancing Aztecs," involves a million-dollar pre-Columbian statue smuggled out of South America in a shipment of fifteen plaster copies. During a mix-up at JFK airport it falls into the hands of an activist group. An artist, a salesman, a harpist and an unworldly museum guard all take part in a frantic attempt to hunt it down.

Les Daniels has edited twenty-five "masterpieces of the macabre" in "Dying of Fright." Something for everyone's taste and handsomely illustrated by Lee Brown Coye.

The daughter of a U.S. Ambassador to Italy has vanished and TV newsman

Rod Linley acts as mediator in a possible kidnapping. Slick and mechanical is "The Peking Dimension" by Ned Calmer.

James Michener's view of today's sports scene is prompted by his gratitude for a lifelong enjoyment from competitive games and the recognition that sports have changed for the worse. "Sports in America" is a book for those who remember the unsullied joys of sandlot baseball and dedicated coaches.

When Harriet Shaw decides to go skinny dipping in the River Thames for a lark, she becomes unsuspectingly involved as a witness in a case of murder. Another Victorian crime novel by Peter Lovesy is "Swing, Swing Together."

George Burns of Burns and Allen fame busier than ever in "Living It

Up." Forever genial, his motto for life in non-retirement is: "If you don't use it, you'll lose it."

Death comes to one Miriam Bennett, barmaid of The Little Rose. Her father-in-law, who certainly has a motive, is accused of the crime. An atmospheric picture of pre-WW small town life in a rural Derbyshire countryside. Taut, tidy and titillating is "Rescue from the Rose" by John B. Hilton.

**Cocktails 'n banjos**

John Stevens, manager of Lighthouse Point Condominiums, hosted a pre-holiday cocktail party in the clubhouse of Lighthouse Point on Wednesday, December 1.

Real estate brokers from Sanibel and Fort Myers were invited and in spite of the inclement weather, some 60 put in an appearance.

A highlight of the evening was entertainment furnished by Chuck Jones and Gordy Gordon, "the dueling banjos of Southwest Florida."

"Judging by the noise and the gaiety displayed, a good time was had by all present," a guest observed.

**Holiday library closings**

The Sanibel Public Library will be closed for the Christmas holidays on Friday, December 24 and Saturday, December 25. New Year's closing dates are Friday, December 31, and Saturday, January 1.

During the week preceding Christ-

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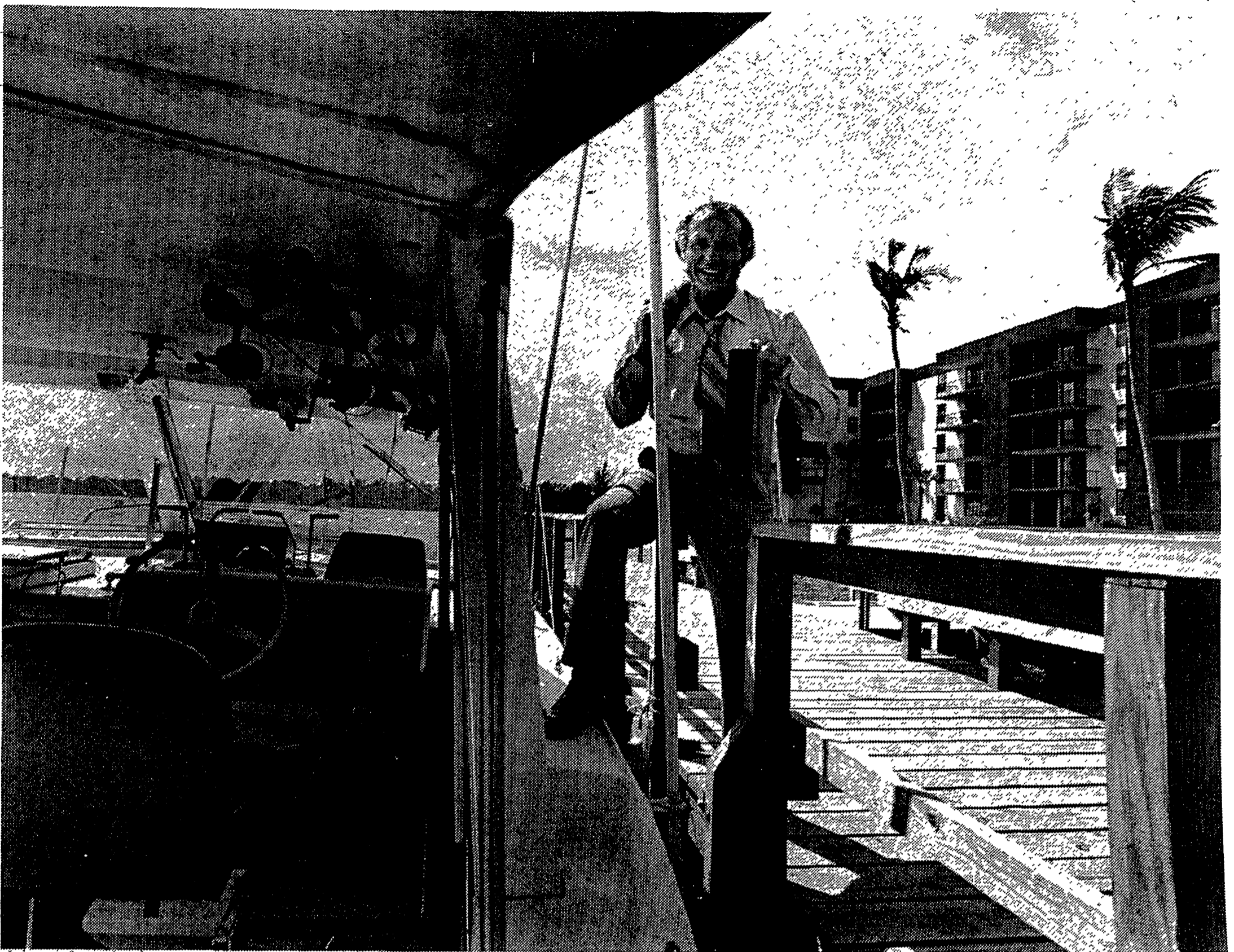
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The lucky thirteenth season of the popular Pirate Playhouse on Sanibel opens December 22, at 8:15 p.m. The initial offering will be "Pagan in the Parlor," a farce by Franklin Lacey.

Other productions scheduled for this season are "Goodnight Mrs. Puffin" and "Laff That Off." Both are comedies, to be presented in repertory style. Each play will be repeated every three weeks.

In March, 1965, the Playhouse opened to a "standing room only" audience. Co-producers Ruth and Phillip Hunter have expressed thanks to the many local actors who have appeared in their productions over the past thirteen years and "to those wonderful people who make up our audiences for their enthusiastic and loyal support."

Tickets for the three productions are now available on the island at the Playhouse box office, 1908 Periwinkle Way, or by mail. The box office telephone number is 472-2121.

## MacRae to appear in Fort Myers

The Fort Myers Exhibition Hall's Celebrity Series will offer its third stage show of the season December 15 at 8:15 p.m. when it presents "An Evening of Rogers & Hammerstein" with Gordon MacRae in person.

Gordon MacRae's major achievements in motion pictures, television, night clubs, radio, recordings and Broadway have earned him star status in the entertainment field.

MacRae made his film debut with a succession of films in which he and Doris Day were teamed. He was signed for one of the most coveted screen roles of our times -- Curly, in the film version of Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Oklahoma."

He also starred in their musical production of "Carousel." This was followed by "The Best Things in Life are Free" for Twentieth Century Fox.

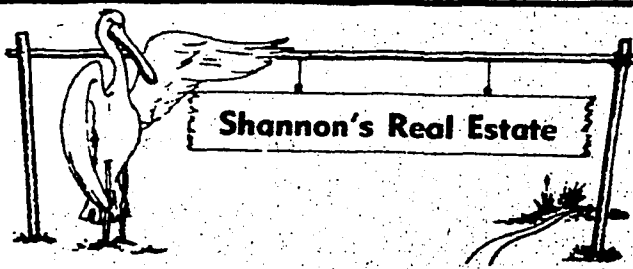
Appearing with MacRae at the Exhibition

Hall will be Gordon Munford and his twenty-two piece theatre orchestra, and Joyce Hall, soprano star of the New York City Opera.

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Tickets for the Celebrity Series are on sale at the box office in the Fort Myers Tourist Center at 334-4958, Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and at Tickets Here Locations throughout Lee County.

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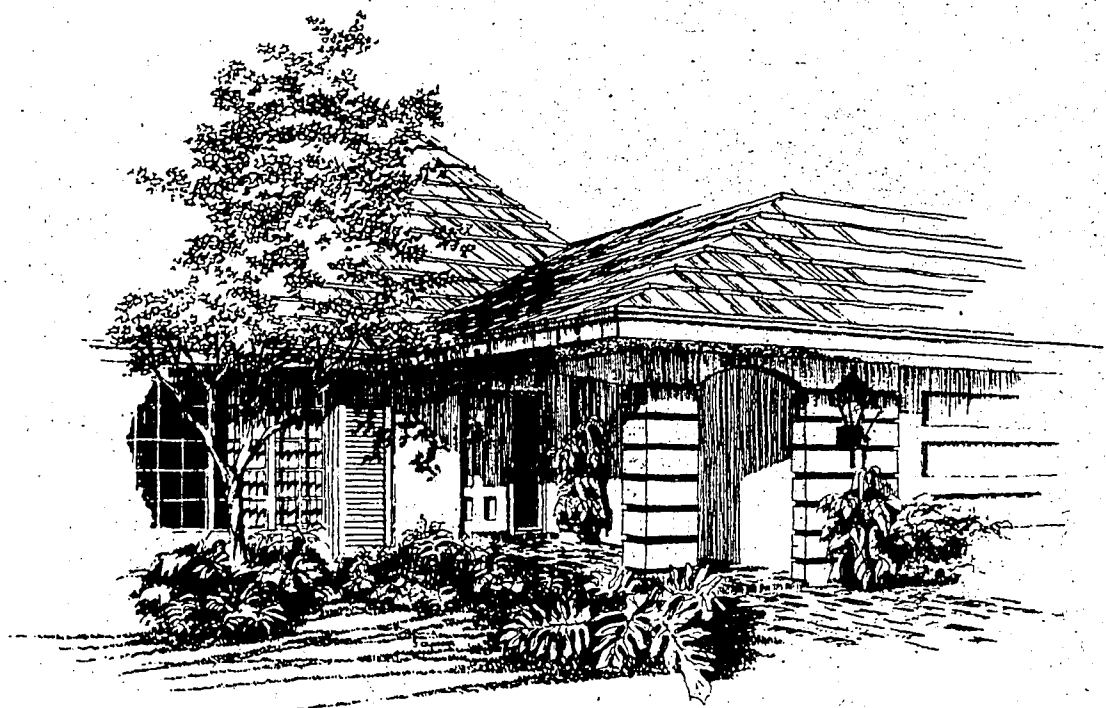
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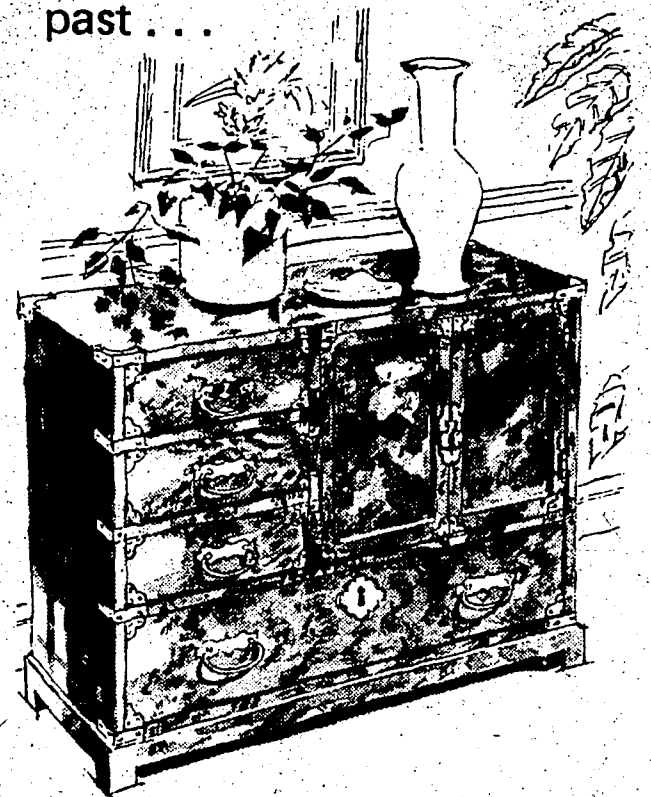
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Among the hit parade favorites to come

from the original Broadway version were "Whatever Lola Wants, Lola Gets," and "You Gotta Have Heart."

The Naples Theatre offers dining and professional theatre. Regular evening performances are held Tuesday through Sunday evenings, and matinee performances are held on Thursday and Sunday afternoons.

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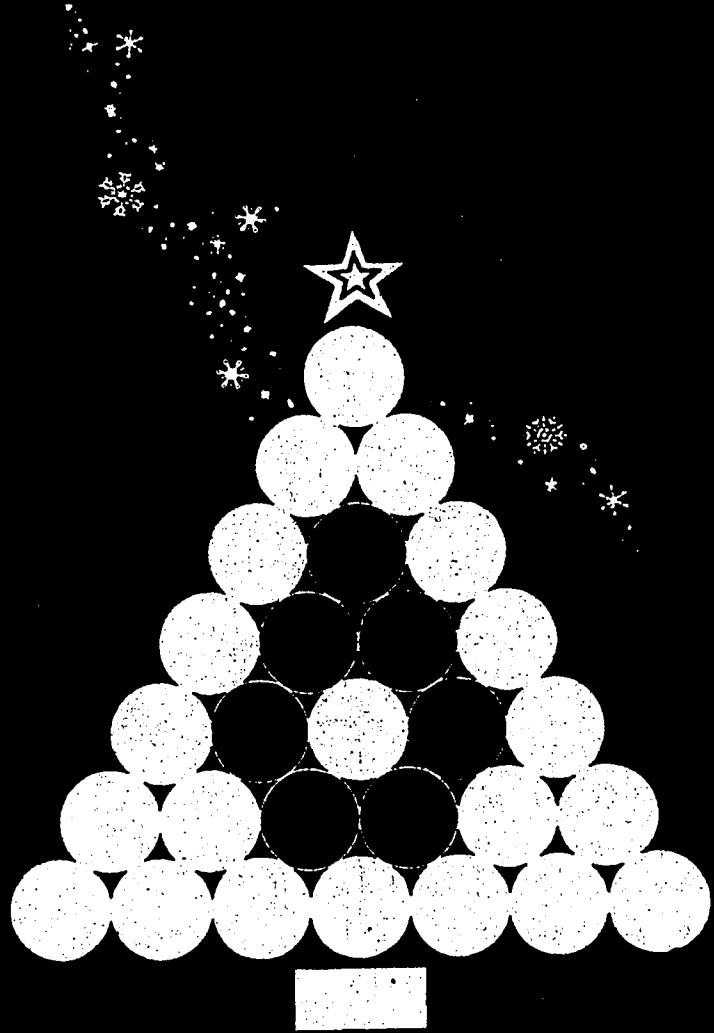
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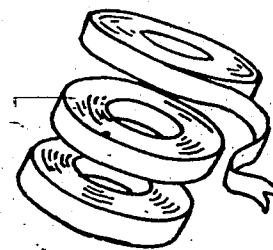
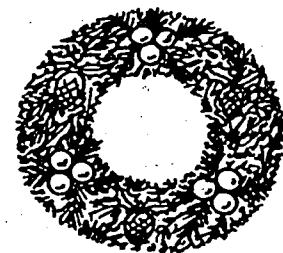
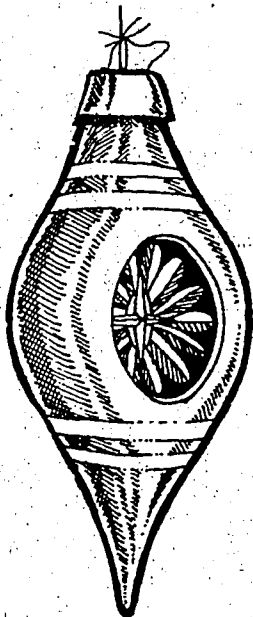
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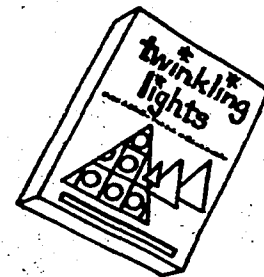
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# Hanson lone islander on Verot hoop squad

**Editor's note:** Each week an island school correspondent is filling Island Reporter's readers in on school happenings. This week's school reporter is Kathy Rizzo, a student at Bishop Verot High School. The High School is operated under the auspices of the Diocese of St. Petersburg and has several students from the islands enrolled...

**By Kathy Rizzo**

The Bishop Verot football season has come to an end and now the basketball season is rolling along full speed ahead.

The players have been practicing for about a month now. Head coach, Fred Theurer is very optimistic over the abilities of the teams.

Jon Hanson, a Sanibel resident, is the sole islander on the team. A member of the freshman squad last year, he turned in a

## a bit of class

good record. This year he will play with the junior varsity and is looking hopefully to playing some varsity ball.

In the eyes of many Jon is a fine athlete and will be a great asset to the Verot team.

Something new has been added at Verot -- a swim team. Approximately 22 students have signed up to participate. John Peters,

of the Fort Myers Green Wave, has volunteered to coach the team. The team is practicing at the Wesnott Pool on U.S. 41.

On December 4, Bishop Verot held its Silver Bell Ball. It was sponsored by the sophomore class. Two girls were selected from each class as representatives on the court. The Queen was selected from the two senior representatives. She is Barb Browning of Fort Myers.

*Bishop Verot correspondent  
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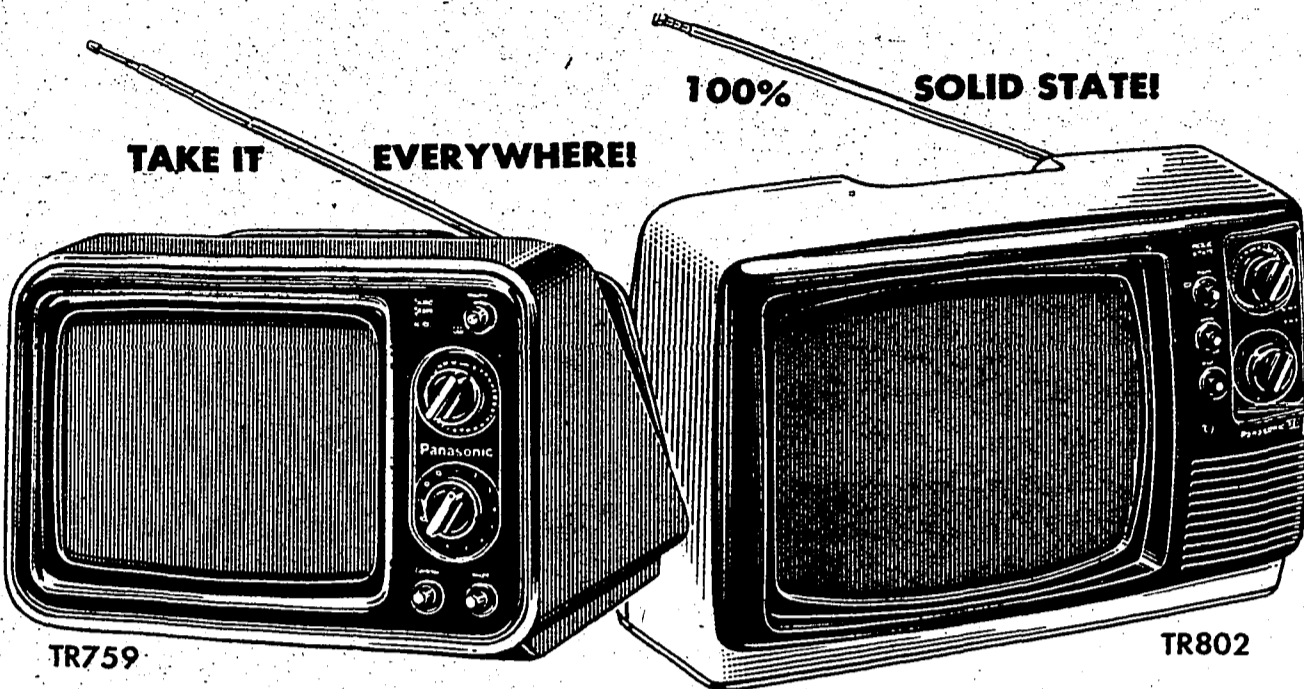
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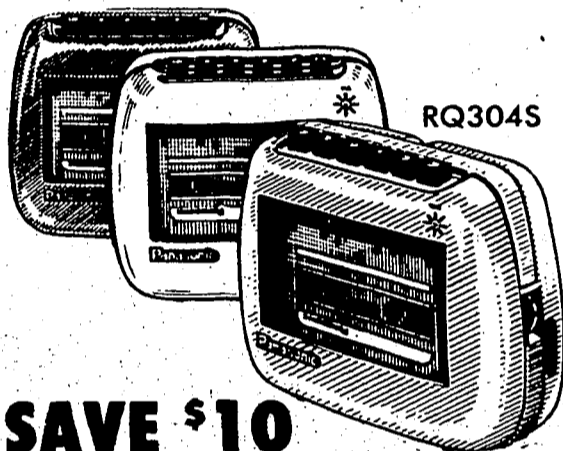
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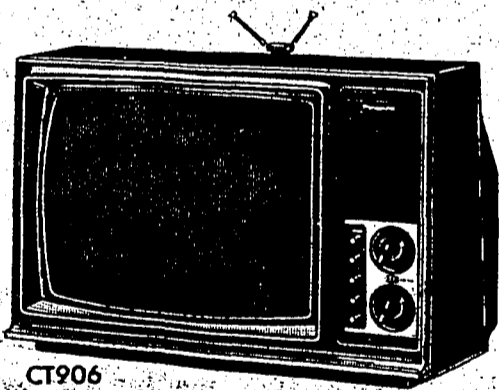
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In a cablevision week made for music lovers, an encore performance of the historic concert that marked Arthur Fiedler and the Boston Pops Orchestra's first

appearance on the West Coast will be seen on "The Boston Pops in Hollywood," Tuesday, December 14 at 8:00 p.m. on Channel 3.

Appearing as guest stars in the bicentennial television special are Edgar Bergen, Charlie McCarthy, Mortimer Snerd, and Charlton Heston who serves as host. The concert was taped last year before a live audience at the Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles.

"Praised by thou O Lord, our God, ruler of the world, who has sanctified us by thy commandments and bidden us to kindle the Hanukah lights."

These words will be recited by the Jewish people all over the world as the eight day ancient festival of Hanukkah begins at sundown, December 16. PBS presents a special program, "Hanukah," Wednesday, December 15 at 8:00 p.m. on Channel 3, which examines the traditional service and celebration of this centuries-old holiday.

Last year, 20,000 Chinese immigrants arrived in New York from Taiwan and Hong Kong. Few spoke any English, but all knew one word: "Chinatown." The most crowded neighborhood in New York City, it has doubled in size in just a few years; it is a community with its own standards, customs and politics.

Tourism is the major industry, but beneath the veneer of paper dragons and firework-filled celebrations are a people struggling to make a living against the language and cultural barriers of the city around them. Poverty is everywhere. The dilapidated housing is the oldest in the city. The tuberculosis and diabetes rate is three times the national average.

"Chinatown," Wednesday, December 15 at 9:30 p.m. on Channel 3, is a revealing, often startling, documentary look at the Chinese community in New York, produced by the Downtown Community Television Center (DCTV), a group of young video documentarians living in Chinatown.



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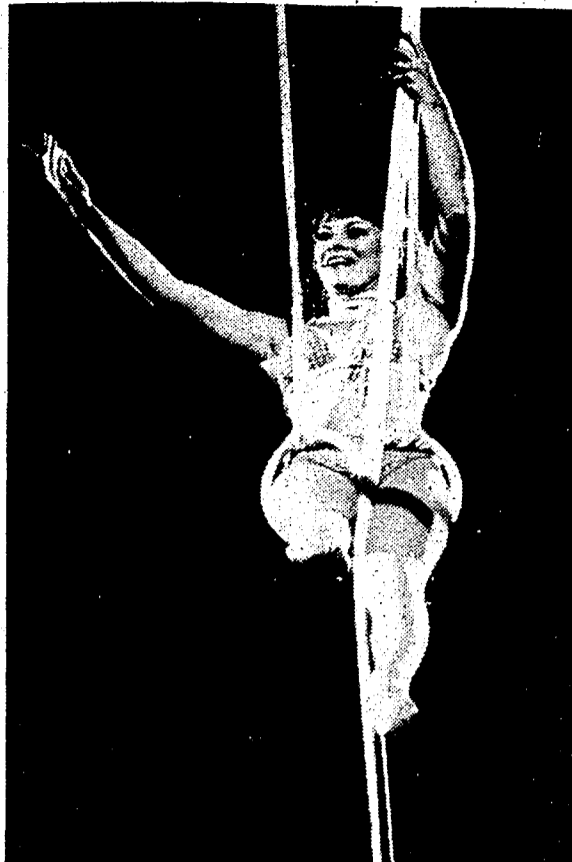
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## Circus debut

Dolly Jacobs, 20, a resident of Sarasota, Florida, makes her debut as a solo artist on the Roman rings in the dazzling new 107th Edition of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus opening Thursday, December 30, for eight performances through Sunday, January 2, at the Circus Arena in Venice.

She was a competitive swimmer in the Sarasota area where she attended school through the seventh grade. Then the lure of the Circus proved too much for her, and with the help of a correspondence course and a tutor, she began to travel year 'round with her father, 53-year veteran clown Lou Jacobs, and her mother, Jean Rockwell Jacobs, a former Circus performer.

Dolly quickly graduated to the rank of showgirl, and became a member of the bevy of beauties who appear in production numbers. Recently, however, she took time out from the Circus to develop her own

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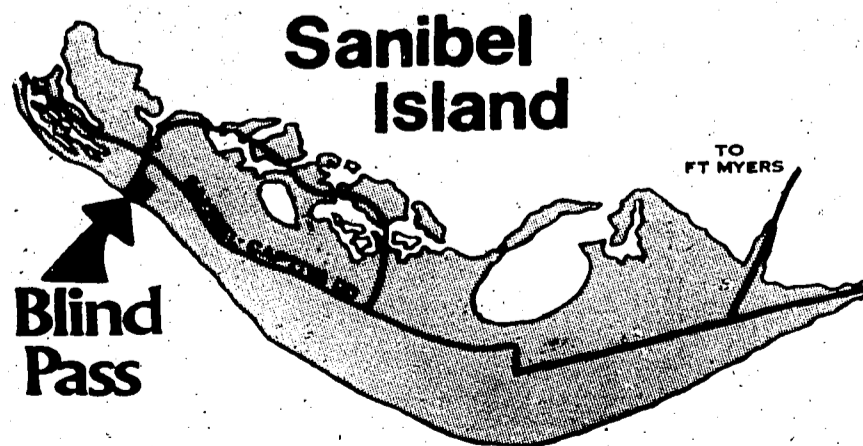
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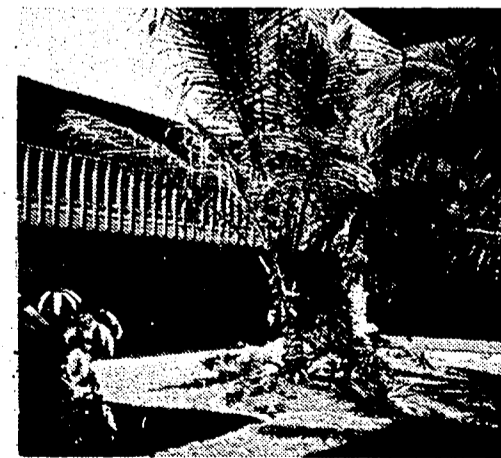
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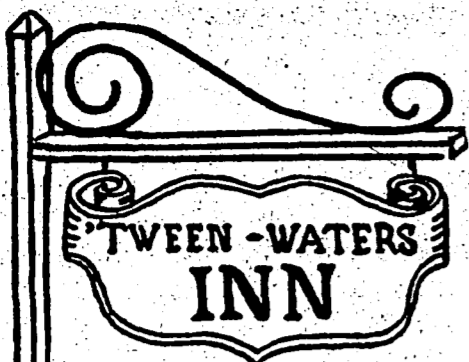


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aerial ring display. She auditioned for producers Irvin Feld and Kenneth Feld, and gained her place as a solo artist in the heights of the arena.

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"The Greatest Show on Earth has surely discovered a bright new star to shine in its constellation of heavenly attractions in the exciting 107th Edition of the Circus," the show's sponsors state.

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# 'West of East Lynne' a lively farce, claims critic

Editor's note: Theatre buffs Helen and Bill Webb have seen practically every new production at the Edison Playhouse in Fort Myers and the Naples Dinner Theatre since moving to the islands a year ago. Their tastes run the gamut from "Hair" ["a tremendous production"] to "Jesus Christ Superstar" ["the equivalent of a scientific breakthrough in theatre"] to Shakespeare ["if it's done well"]. This review was prompted by a thumbs-down verdict given the same production in the Fort Myers News-Press. The Webbs have told us they will write again when the spirit -- or the play -- moves them.

By Helen and Bill Webb

We have just returned from "participating" in the Edison Players production of "West of East Lynne." Before we get to bed we

want to share our enthusiasm with our Sanibel friends.

West of East Lynne is a light and lively farce, played well by talented young people of Lee County. We recommend that you give it a try. Since it is a gay nineties tear jerker, be certain to bring your catcalls and boos for both the heroes and villains. They will be appreciated.

The star of the show is Gale Eager who plays Mrs. Vanderhorse -- who loves money. Gale is the new personality on the news team on Channel 20. Her polished theatrics in this play indicate that her TV appearances don't begin to test her talent. Obviously she has both a natural stage presence and substantial dramatic training and

experience. You will cheer her acting and boo her strategy to marry off her daughter to the nearest man with MONEY.

Other members of the cast are not as polished performers, but they obviously enjoy romping through the intricacies of a simple-minded plot. Costumes are excellent, and way above the average for an amateur theatre group. The stage set is a convincing replica of a Victorian drawing room. Even the Intra-Act singing and dancing adds to the fun and frolic of the evening.

If you are looking for a fun evening, give it a try. It is not Broadway, but it is not dull.

What have you got to lose? The cost is \$3.50 per seat. Since the

Edison Playhouse on Main Street in Fort Myers has less than 100 seats you should reserve your seats by calling 332-1300. The current run is scheduled for only Friday and Saturday, December 10 and 11. So hurry. Light entertainment is not all that easy to find these days.

## Kiwanians named

The Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club has announced the acceptance of four new members. The service club, which meets every Wednesday for breakfast at Scotty's Pub, recently added John Choate, Jack Duncan, Abe Miller, and Jerry Wierner to their membership roll.



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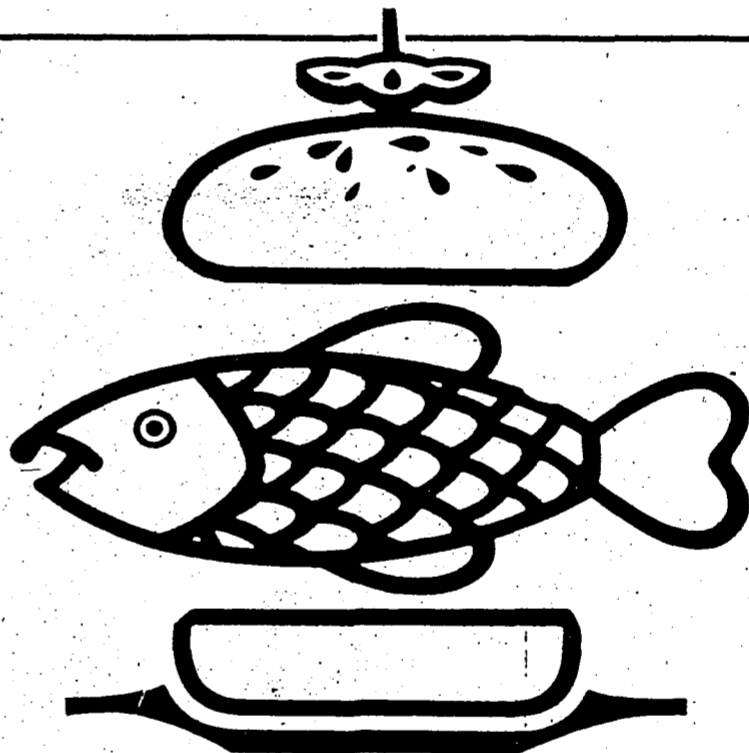
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# Huxter's launches subs

By Anne Marsh

Two eight-foot-long submarines first sighted at the Huxter's Market on Periwinkle Way, left Sanibel Island on Monday morning via the Causeway for a destination in Fort Myers.

Although a submarine had not been sighted in Sanibel waters or environs since World War II, the submarines at Huxter's were not reported to governmental authorities and aroused little reaction.

The two eight-foot submarines were creative concoctions of Mary Anne and Pete Skehan, proprietors of Huxter's, who provided giant submarines, or "subs," (also known as Hoagies or Heroes) as a

luncheon treat for the cast of the recent Edison Community College drama, "Lady in the Dark."

With specially ordered eight-foot long loaves of bread totally covering the counter at Huxter's, Pete and Mary Anne deftly arranged one and a half pounds each of provolone and mortadella cheese, spiced ham, and onions, three pounds of Genoa salami, four pounds of sliced tomatoes and two head of shredded lettuce, laced with a quart of Italian seasonings containing oil, vinegar and spices.

After stepping back to view their gustatory masterpiece they lashed each filled giant loaf to a

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Skehans sliced four pounds of tomatoes and shredded two heads of lettuce to create the sandwiches.

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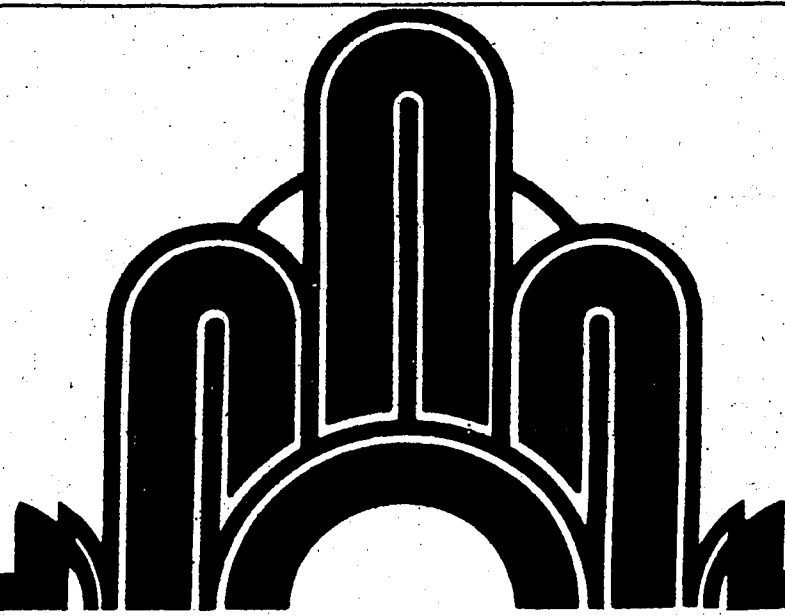
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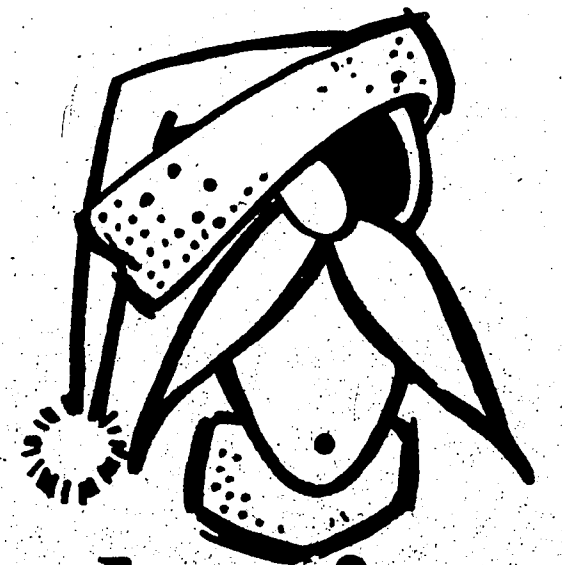
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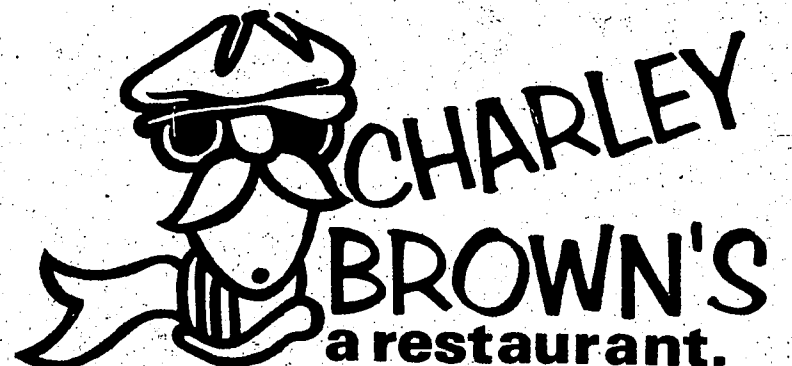
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# Eight foot subs

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wooden board for the trip to Fort Myers.

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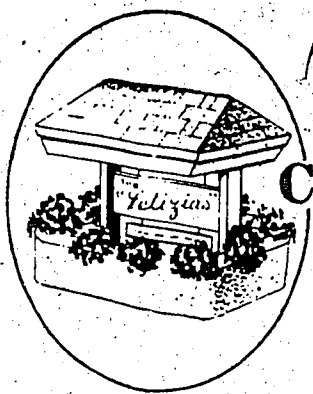
J. Dean McMahon, the director and producer of the play, and other members of the company pronounced the subs "incomparable."

Pete reported that each eight foot sub had been calculated to serve 25 people and they vanished in a matter of minutes.

The sub luncheon was the idea of Mary Anne, who had played "Maggie Grant" in the play.



[Left to right] Mary Anne Skehan, Stephanie Mack, and Pete and Jack Skehan display their eight foot long sandwich.



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By Twink Underhill

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Mix cereal with sugar, flour, soda and salt in a very large bowl (and I mean really large; I used a large preserving kettle for the mixing part and then transferred the batter to a large bowl for storing in the refrigerator). Add the eggs, shortening and milk. Store in covered container in refrigerator and use as desired. The batter will last for six weeks, hence the name. To bake, fill greased muffin tins two-thirds full and bake in preheated 400 degree oven for 15 to 20 minutes. Makes 6 dozen regular size muffins. You may store baked muffins in the freezer and reheat in a 350 degree oven for 15 minutes.

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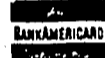
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## current activities:

"It Began With Birds" film program by the National Audubon Society, Thursday, December 16 at 8:00 p.m., Community House. Program of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Society, no admission charge.

Christmas Eve annual Luminarios drive, from dusk until 9:00 p.m. at the Colony Motel, East Gulf Drive.

Christmas Tree sale to benefit Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club sight conservation projects. Open to the public starting Monday, December 14, 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Nave's lot on Periwinkle Way, across from Bailey's Store.

Children's Christmas Play: " 'Twas the Night Before Christmas" play, Saturday and Sunday, December 11 and 12, North Fort Myers High School Cafeteria. Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Sunday 2:30 p.m. Adm. \$2 adults; \$.50 children under 14. Proceeds to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Santa at the Movies: A movie "Huckleberry Finn," and Santa visit at Cape Coral Cinema, Saturday, December 11 at 10:00 a.m. Free. Sponsored by Cape Coral Noon Lions.

Children's Christmas Pageant by the children's choir of Christ United Methodist Church, Lehigh Acres, 7:30 p.m. December 12.

Christmas Cantata: "King of Kings" by the Riverside Baptist Adult Choir, December 12, 7:30 p.m., at the church, Tarpon Street and Seminole Avenue, Fort Myers.

Retired Senior Volunteer Program Christmas Dinner: Everyone 60 years and over is welcome to come to the Seven Lakes auditorium on U.S. 41, South Fort Myers. Reservations must be made with R.S.V.P. before December 14, by calling 334-1102. Dinner will be held December 16.

"Flying in the Bermuda Triangle - Fact or Fantasy" program by Raymond L. Lambert, professor of speech, Edison Community College, Saturday, December 11, 7:00 p.m. Sanibel Beach Club, Nerita Street. Admission free, refreshments.

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## regular activities:

Macrame lessons starting December 14, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, 5 weeks, \$15 plus materials. Private lessons 2-3 hours, \$15. Call 472-2893 or stop by Arly Buntrack's Three Crafty Ladies Shop, 1446 Periwinkle.

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Captiva Public Library, Gore Road, open Tuesday and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Birding Tours by George Weymouth, Morning and afternoon. Reservations made through Bailey's General Store, 472-1516.

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Natural History Field Trips to Sanibel's wildlife habitats by Richard Beebe, George Campbell. Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment. For reservations call 472-2180. Wednesday's Open Trip: meet at Sanibel Elementary School parking lot, Sanibel-Captiva Road at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday.

Karate Lessons by the Dojo Karate Association every Sunday and Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Sanibel Fire House, Palm Ridge Road. Call Lew Phillips at 472-4948 for details.

Sanibel Public Library - Open Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Palm Ridge Road, near Fire House.

Bingo (Murex), every Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. American Legion Hall, Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Duplicate Bridge: Every Friday night at the Sanibel Community House, 7:30 p.m., under the direction of Joe Winterrow.

## regular meetings:

City of Sanibel Council will have regular meetings the first, third and fifth Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. City Hall. Special meetings will be announced.

Kiwanis Club meeting every Wednesday morning at 8:00 a.m., Scotty's Pub. Visitors welcome.

The Lions Club of Sanibel and Captiva meets the first and third Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the Casa Ybel Resort, (formerly the Island Beach Club), Casa Ybel Road and Gulf Drive.

Santiva Teen Club meets every second and fourth Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. For information about meeting place, phone 472-2956 or 472-4242. Club is open to teenagers of Sanibel and Captiva.

Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce meeting of the Board of Directors, second Tuesday of each month at the Chamber building on Causeway Road, 8:00 p.m.

The Sanibel Fire Control Commissioners will meet the second Tuesday of the Month at 1:00 p.m. at the new Fire House addition. The public is invited.

Sanibel Volunteer Fire Department meetings second and fourth Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. at the Fire House, Palm Ridge Road.

Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club regular meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at the Community House, 8:00 p.m.

Sanibel Community Association Board of Directors meetings every third Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. Community House.

Sanibel City Planning Commission meets alternate Mondays at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall. Special meetings will be announced.

Sanibel-Captiva Motel Association meeting, third Tuesday of each month, 8:00 p.m. Chamber of Commerce building.

Sons of the American Revolution Caloosa Chapter meets second Wednesday of each month, Surfside Restaurant, Cape Coral, 12:00 noon.

Sanibel-Captiva American Legion meeting of members the second Tuesday of each month.

Alcoholics Anonymous - closed meeting at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, Periwinkle Way, every Friday night, 8:00 p.m. For information call 332-1300.

Al Anon meets weekly on Fridays at 8:00 p.m. at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Sunday school room in rear of building. Call 472-2491 for information.

Captiva Erosion Prevention District meetings the second Tuesday of each month, 4:30 p.m., Captiva Civic Center.

Captiva Fire Control District Commissioners Meeting second Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m., Captiva Community Center, Gore Road.

Captiva Civic Association, Board of Governors meeting, first and third Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. Captiva Community Center.

Captiva Volunteer Fire Department meets every first and third Tuesdays of each month at the Fire House on Gore Road at 7:00 p.m.

## island cinema:

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# X-ray expert exposes junonia

BY PETER LARSON

Let the owners of peerless pear whelks and matchless murex beware: William A. Conklin is out to establish a new shell esthetic on the islands. Unchecked, it could lead to the junking of junonias and the beatification of the banded tulip.

Conklin, a frequent Sanibel visitor, entered the Island Reporter office last week shouldering a large portfolio of photographs, mostly depicting X-rays of island shells. No sooner had he opened the portfolio than Conklin began espousing heresy:

"Everybody thinks junonias are terrific," he announced, "but structurally speaking, they're nothing. If you want to see a really beautiful shell, take a look at this tulip. Now *that's* structure.

We were still reeling from the blow when Conklin fired a second salvo. "A lot of specimen shells are like pretty girls you pass on the street," he observed: "beautiful on the outside but worthless on the inside. See this cone? The owner may think it's a perfect shell, but

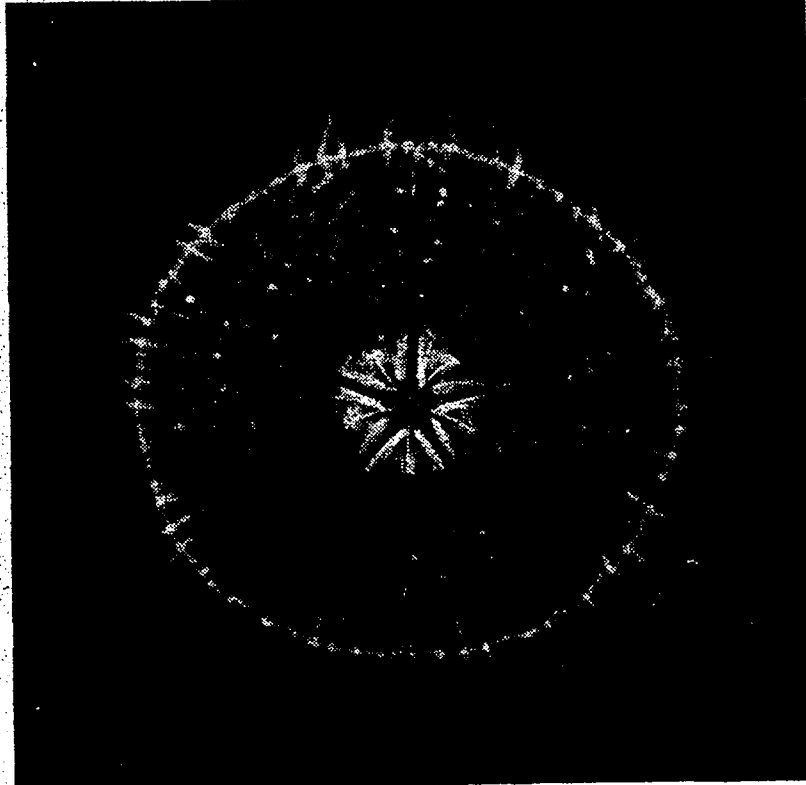
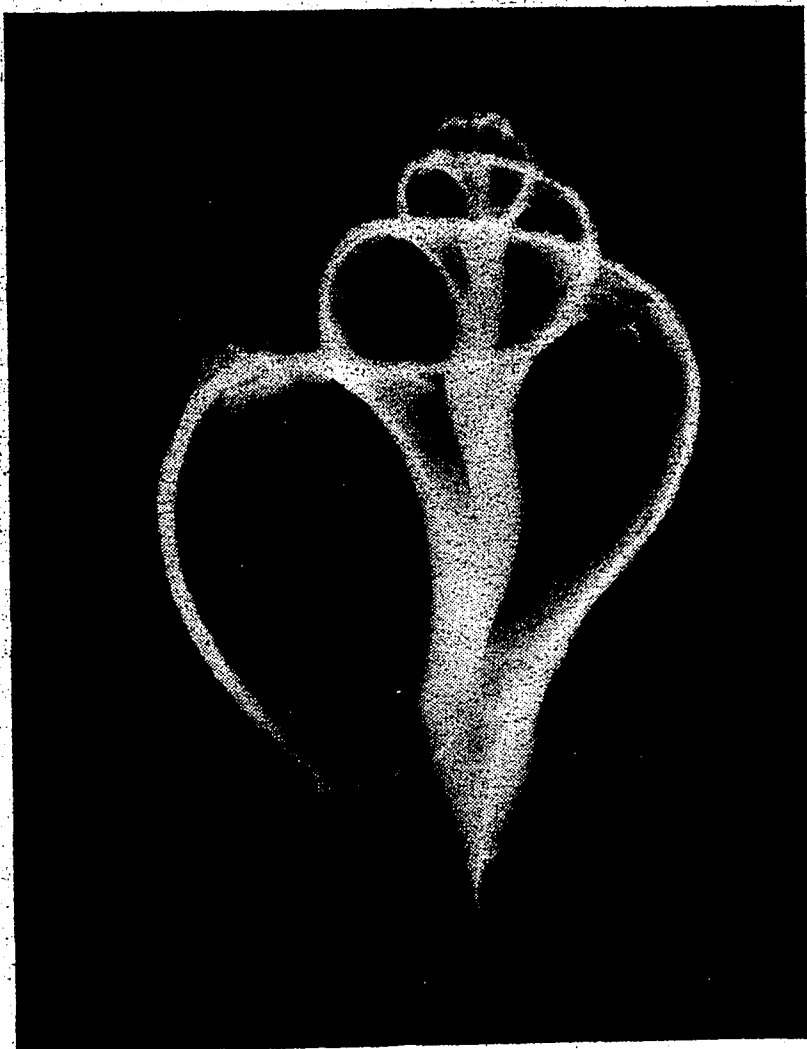
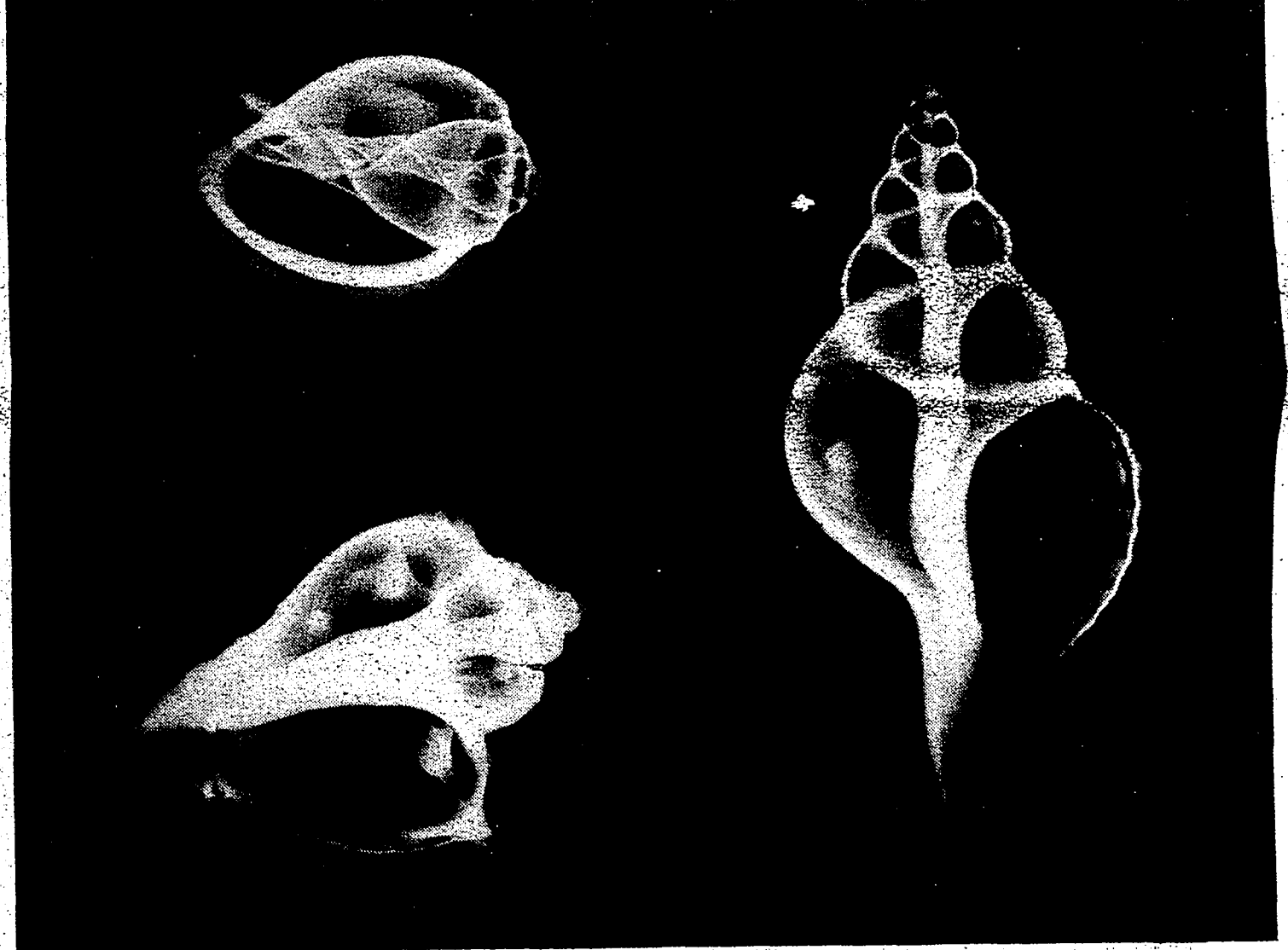
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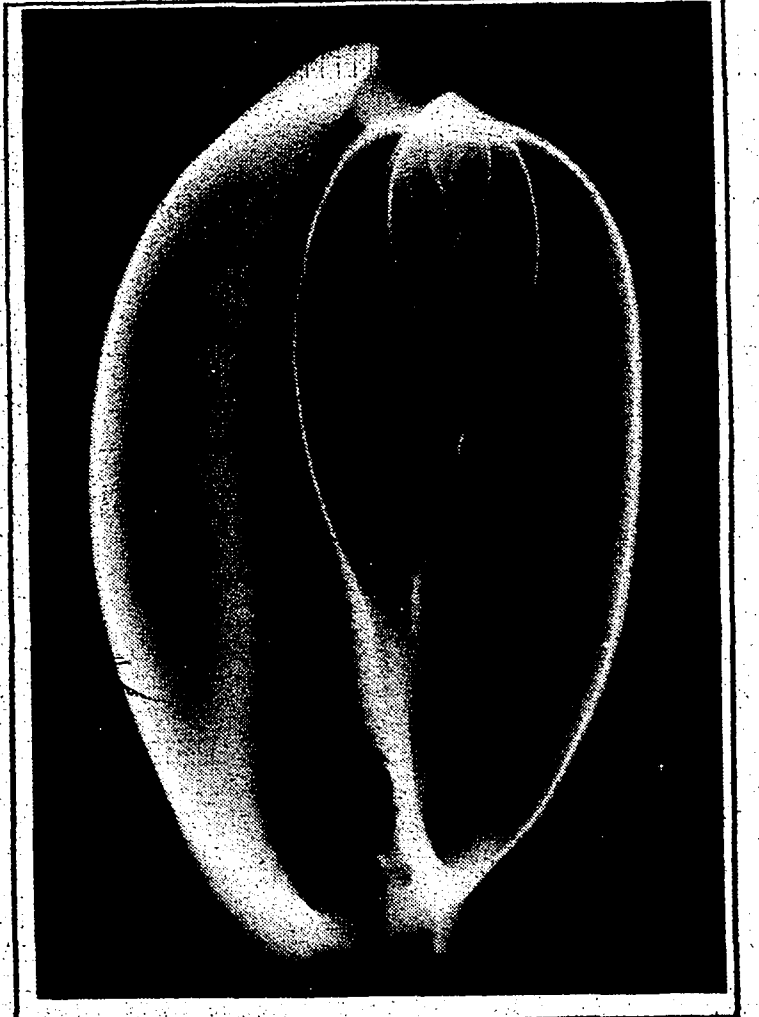


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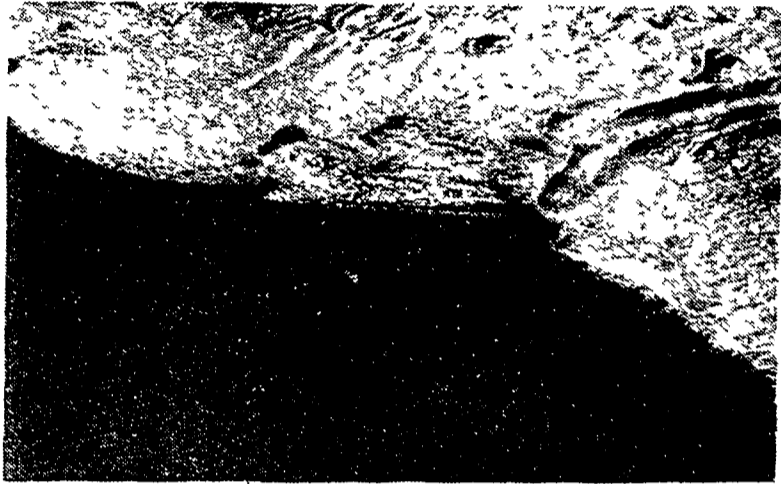
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# Coastal Fishing

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On a recent trip to Belize, Central America, Sanibelite Carter Leslie had some good flats action on bonefish and river fishing for snook and tarpon.

Operating from a lodge near the mouth of the Belize River, he found a "weatherproof" set-up: when weather was unfavorable for outside flats fishing, it was good in the rivers for snook and tarpon.

Anina and Fred Glaize of Sanibel were there too, and scored well plug casting for snook and tarpon.

The above story was unfurled to me by Carter who seems captivated with this country and its fishing.

As you recall, my wife was there last January and is going again January 19. I expect to get some big fish tales on her return and be able to tell about 10 percent of it as gospel truth.

It does seem that Central America is finally coming into its own in the fishing world as they

have some of the best deep water and flats fishing around that's close to the U.S. mainland; plus, the second largest barrier reef in the world runs along its shores.

In the meantime, us poor folks will have to make do with what we have, which as of late is not all that bad.

Doug Fischer of South Seas and Jack Kootz of Twin Palms Marina were out doing the usual busman's thing and winched in, then released, 24 smallish snook using rubber tail jigs around the woods in Pine Island Sound. Yes, I did say 24; plus Bob Sabatino of 'Tween Waters landed 16 redfish.

I can't ever remember seeing that many in a day, except for the day I drank a whole bottle of Scotch.

Commercial men tell of many big Spanish mackerel working the Captiva beach about a mile off between 'Tween Waters and Blind Pass. Haven't heard of any mackerel catches this week so maybe we are missing out on some action.

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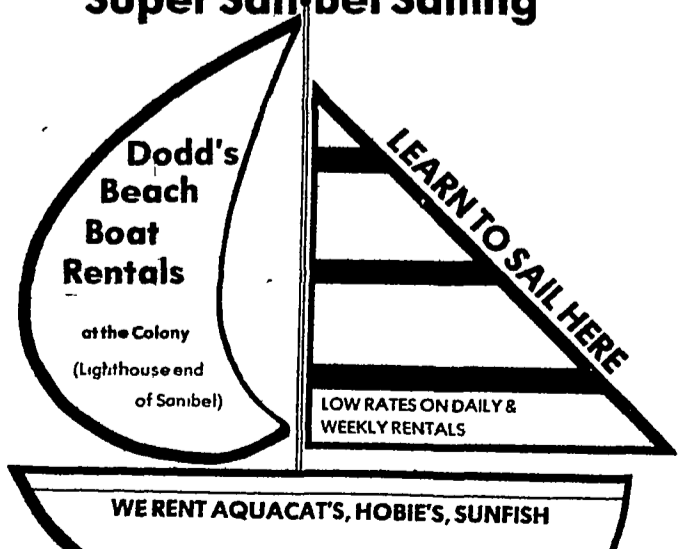
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# Mopeds' popularity generates controversy

By Mark Twombly

Forty years ago Gertrude Stein felt sure that "... a rose is a rose is a rose." But were she alive today she probably would be less straightforward in analyzing the newest method of getting from here to there on the islands: the moped.

A moped is a bicycle is a motorcycle. Neither fish nor fowl, the moped (Madison Avenue for motor pedal) looks like a heavy bicycle, or a lightweight motorcycle. It has lights and a horn and a throttle grip the same as a motorcycle, but it also sports bicycle style pedals. You can power it yourself, or crank up the tiny motor and let it take you. It's the best of both worlds.

The half breed status of the moped found its way into Florida lawbooks this summer when the state legislature exempted the mutant machines from laws that govern motor vehicles.

Mopeds are now legally classified as motorized bicycles. No driver's license, registration, helmet, insurance or inspection is required. But there are some restrictions on their use that do not apply to bicycles.

The law defines a moped as a bicycle with a "pedal activated helper motor" which produces no more than 1.5 horsepower. The wheels of a moped must be at least 20 inches in diameter, and the operator must be at least 15 years old.

State law says they can not be operated on bike paths -- even if pedaled -- and must not exceed a speed of 25 miles per hour.

Beyond those restrictions, mopeds are legally no different than a bicycle. Bicyclists and moped riders have to observe traffic signs, move with the flow of traffic, and stay as close to the righthand edge of the road as possible.

On paper, mopeds seem to be the key to solving Sanibel's winter season traffic woes. For every bicycle-size moped that is put on the road, a garage-size car is taken off.

And environmentalists can hardly fault the moped for its 150 miles per gallon efficiency and hummingbird-quiet muffler.

Despite their apparent unobtrusiveness, their introduction to the islands this fall ignited an immediate controversy. Motorists found it difficult to pass the slow-moving machines. During the Thanksgiving weekend, when moped rentals peaked, packs of automobiles were seen leapfrogging around the many machines that hugged the shoulders to Periwinkle.

While some cursed the mopeds for tying up traffic, others questioned the wisdom of allowing just about anyone to walk in off the street, plunk down a few dollars, and whirl off on one.

"Some guy can get drunk and have his license revoked one day, then go out and rent a moped the next day," observes Sanibel Police Chief John Butler.

With such a wide range of views on the desirability and safety of operating mopeds on Sanibel, it was only a matter of time before the issue wound up on the Sanibel City Council table.

The council is scheduled to review what Vice Mayor Zee Butler calls the "Moped problem" on Monday, December 13, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Goss has drafted a proposed ordinance -- actually an amendment to the city's bicycle ordinance -- that reiterates state law, but calls for additional restrictions as well.

The proposal would ban mopeds from the beach, require that each machine be equipped with a flag, horn, rear view

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mirror, and some identification naming the rental agency.

If adopted by the council the amendment would also require rental agencies to instruct riders on the proper operation of a moped, and provide liability insurance for their customers.

Goss stopped short of calling for a partial or even total ban of the machines from city streets, a move that has been advocated by some islanders.

A few residents have paid about \$450 to buy their own machines, but most are rented from one of five shops on Sanibel and Captiva. Currently there are about 50 machines available for rent.

Barbara and Tom Mackinson run the Pedaling Pelican, located behind the Island Bake Shop on Periwinkle Way. "We started this as a lark," reports Mrs. Mackinson. "Then all of a sudden mopeds got popular."

The Mackinsons stock rental bicycles as well as 10 Motobecane mopeds, but after two months of being in business, they have yet to rent a bike.

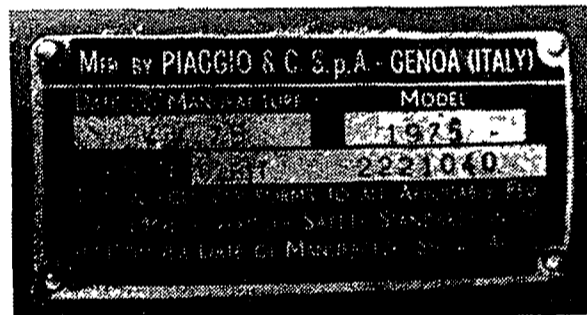
The Mackinsons' interest in mopeds began with a trip to Bermuda, where the machines are used for everyday transportation. Before opening their Sanibel shop they purchased two machines and thoroughly explored the islands.

Last Friday the Mackinsons played host to Mayor Porter Goss, who was on a fact-finding tour of local moped rental agencies. Mrs. Mackinson took Goss through a step-by-step introduction to riding the Motobecane, a process she says she repeats with each new customer.

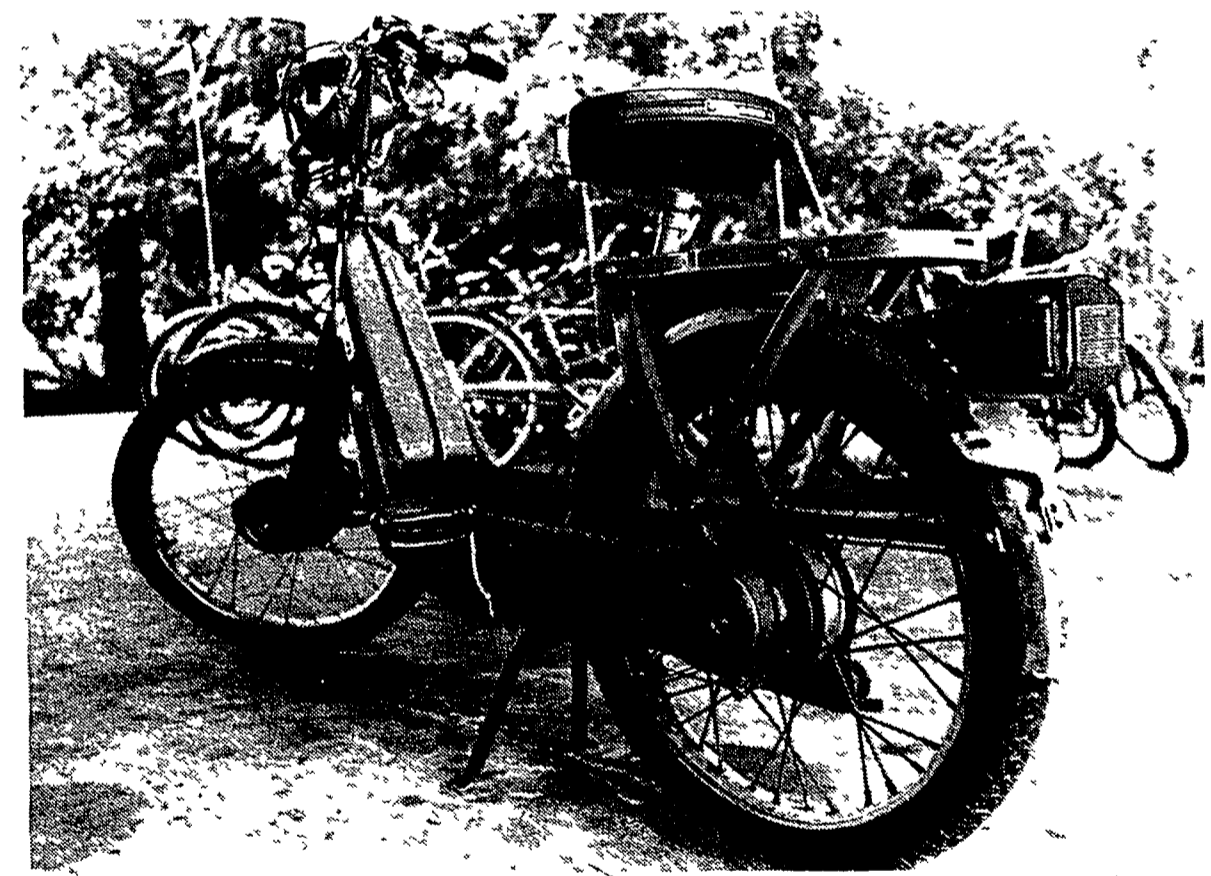
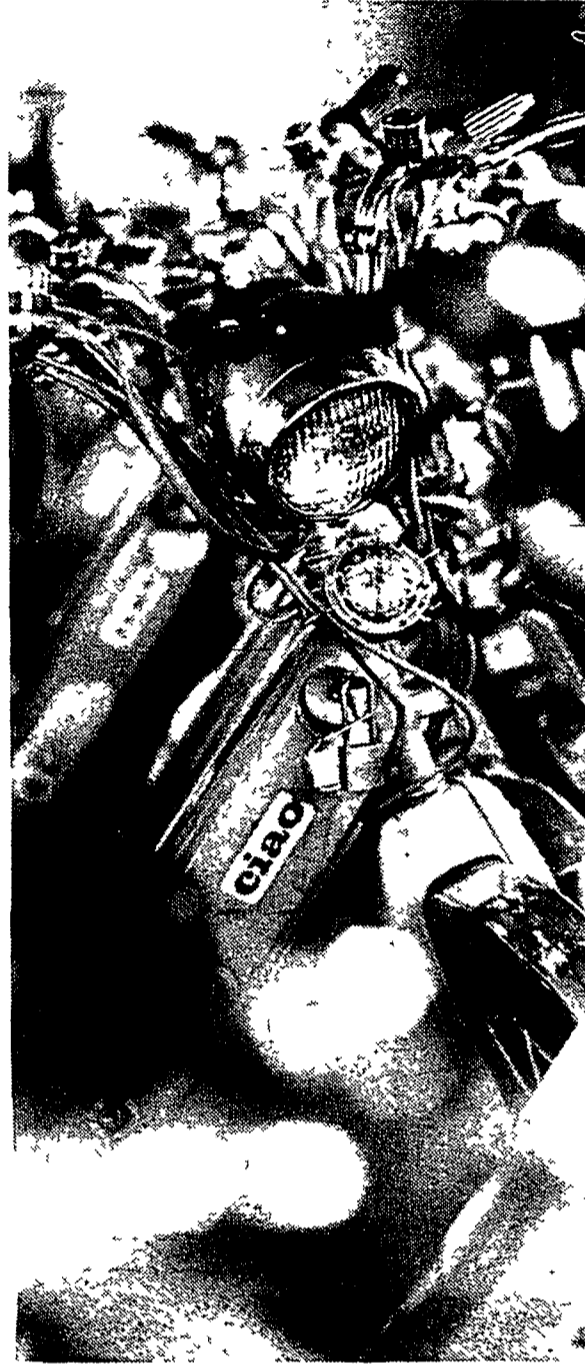
Goss, a former semi-pro hockey player and race car driver, had no trouble adapting to the moped on a short check ride.

Pedaling Pelican customers are required to sign a rental agreement, Mackinson had patterned after a rental car agency contract. Parents have to sign for children 15 to 18, and the Mackinsons provide each

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*'Motorized bicycles' offer best of both worlds: the mobility of a motorcycle and the legal status of a bicycle.*



*Barbara Mackinson briefs Mayor Goss on proper operation of Motobecane moped.*



# Angler's long search for snook ends at canal

By Derby Jack

Coming to Captiva from Martha's Vineyard this fall was a matter of following the fish as much as a desire to follow the sun. Up north we look forward to fall fishing with enthusiasm as the schools of striped bass and bluefish turn their noses south to follow the warm water.

As they move they prepare for the long trek by feeding heavily and the fishing is a promise fulfilled in the chilly New England autumn.

But as the yankee angler awaits the migrating schools and dreams of the excitement of the encounter and the thrill of the fight, he also knows it's the conclusion of the season. Before he sees another striped bass the leaves will have reappeared on the now-bare trees and another frosty winter must be endured.

I felt fortunate as I fished for those last striped bass. I could dream of sunshine and of angling for another striped fish. One with only a single line on its side: the

snook with its lone black racing stripe.

I hadn't experienced the singular thrill of landing a snook since I left Captiva last spring, so on my return I was hopeful of finding some holdover fish back in the mangroves.

The chilly gray days of the past week made for favorable snook hunting but not for charter fishing. My trip on Thursday had been canceled because of bad weather so I was pleased when Doug Fischer called early that

morning and said, "Let's go catch us a snook."

We left South Seas Plantation with plenty of time to enjoy a cup of coffee at Cabbage Key and still catch the change of tide in the bay.

Doug took me to a small mangrove island (I can't say which one -- it would mean the end of a fine friendship) and we tied off the boat and went ashore.

We made several fruitless casts along a deep canal that led inland. Although we found no fish there,

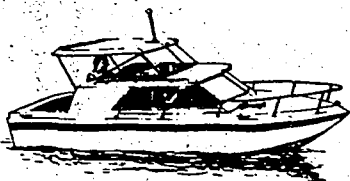
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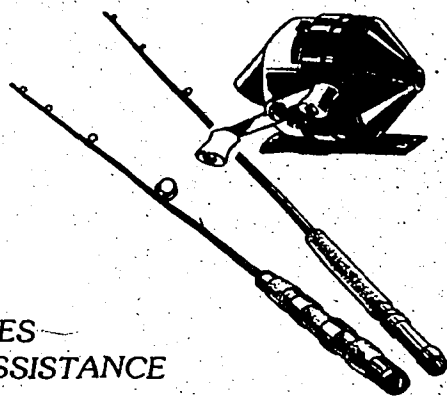
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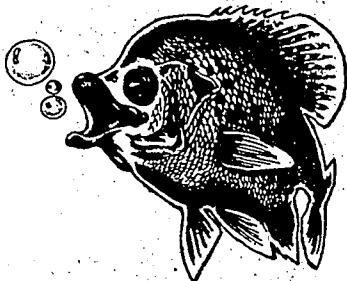
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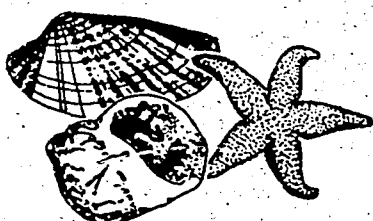
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## Motorized bikes ignite controversy

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Renters are covered by bodily injury and liability insurance, a policy Mackinson termed "difficult to get."

There are five Batavus mopeds, a Dutch make, for rent at Doane's Twin Palms Cottages on Captiva. But that figure could double or even triple if the demand holds, says Irene Doane.

William Polhemus trucked his 20 Ciao mopeds from Seaside Heights, New Jersey to the Hines Bike Shop on Sanibel in November. Since he began renting the

machines three weeks ago, Polhemus has had only one customer back out of a rental.

"We don't push them on people," says Polhemus. "This lady tried one out but just couldn't keep her balance. She finally said she didn't want to rent one."

Polhemus rents his bikes for \$12 a day, \$7.50 a half day, and \$3 an hour. Like all rental mopeds on the islands, his machines are equipped with horns and lights. "I had a flag on each one but after five rentals they were destroyed."

Rental mopeds are also available at the Bike Barn on Main Street, and at the Blue Heron Motel on East Gulf Drive. 2:00 p.m.

## Inspectors safety check 50 boats

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary inspectors, in cooperation with the Sanibel-Captiva Power Squadron, conducted a free inspection of 50 boats last Friday and Saturday.

Herb Ferguson, of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, said that about 80 percent of the boats inspected received the official Coast Guard decal. The decal alerts marine authorities that the boat is properly equipped. The majority of the boats that did not pass the inspection had faulty operating lights, according to Ferguson.

Harley Brown, commander of the Sanibel-Captiva Power Squadron said he was pleased with the large turnout and he stated that the inspections will be held again. The dates will be announced later.

The inspections are offered to all boat operators in the area.

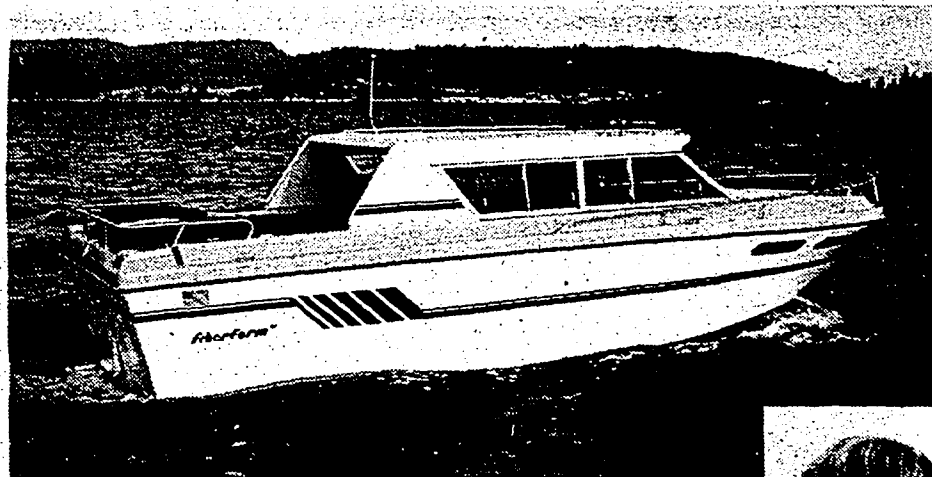
The first anniversary of the Sanibel Captiva Power Squadron was marked with a "charter party" at the Sheraton Inn in Fort Myers Saturday night.

The party commemorated the awarding of the squadron's charter a year ago. Until last year, Power Squadron members living on Sanibel and Captiva were members of the San Carlos Bay Squadron.

Urban Palmer, social chairman, organized the evening, which included dinner and dancing to a five piece orchestra. The anniversary party will be an annual event.

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# TENNIS LADDER

By Glessie Creagh

A total of nine challenge matches were played this week and there was one default. Of the three women's singles games, June Muench won 10-7 over Ann Costanzo, Lou Ann Cook defeated Gail Robinson 10-5, and Ginny Bissell defeated Evelyn Chamberlin 10-6.

Terry Weinberg defaulted to Linda Taylor and Terry is also dropping from the ladder.

Number one on the women's doubles is the team of June Muench and Pam Thompson, who downed Linda Horak and Ann Costanzo 6-3, 7-6, going to a 5-4 tie breaker in the second set.

In the men's singles, Bob Thompson challenged in to win his match 6-4, 6-2 over Ben Bjerky. Joe Costanzo defeated Joe Underritter 11-10. Jack Middlebrook lost to Joe Underritter 10-4.

One mixed doubles match was played. June and Jerry Muench continued to hold number one position by scoring 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 over Pam and Bob Thompson.

### Women's Singles

1. Glessie Creagh
2. June Muench
3. Ann Costanzo
4. Pam Thompson
5. Linda Horak
6. Lou Ann Cook
7. Gail Robinson
8. Ellie Sabatino
9. Linda Taylor
10. Candi Mather
11. Joy Benedict
12. Mary Dehon
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14. Terri Blackmore
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18. Ginny Bissell
19. Angi Lapi
20. Joann Gillingham
21. Evelyn Chamberlin
22. Donna Cook

### Men's Singles

1. Brad Barry
2. Len Clements
3. Brian Webb
4. Bud Brillhart
5. Tom Kendrick
6. Bob Thompson
7. Ben Bjerky
8. Ray Pavelka
9. Bill Riley
10. Bob Taylor
11. Sam Rodman
12. Charlie Curtis
13. David Howell
14. Bob Sabatino
15. Joe Costanzo
16. Frank Restaino
17. Joe Underritter
18. Jack Middlebrook

### Women's Doubles

1. June Muench & Pam Thompson
2. Pat Grinnell & Candi Mather
3. Ann Costanzo & Linda Horak
4. Ellie Sabatino & Glessie Creagh
5. Linda Taylor & Joann Gillingham

### Mixed Doubles

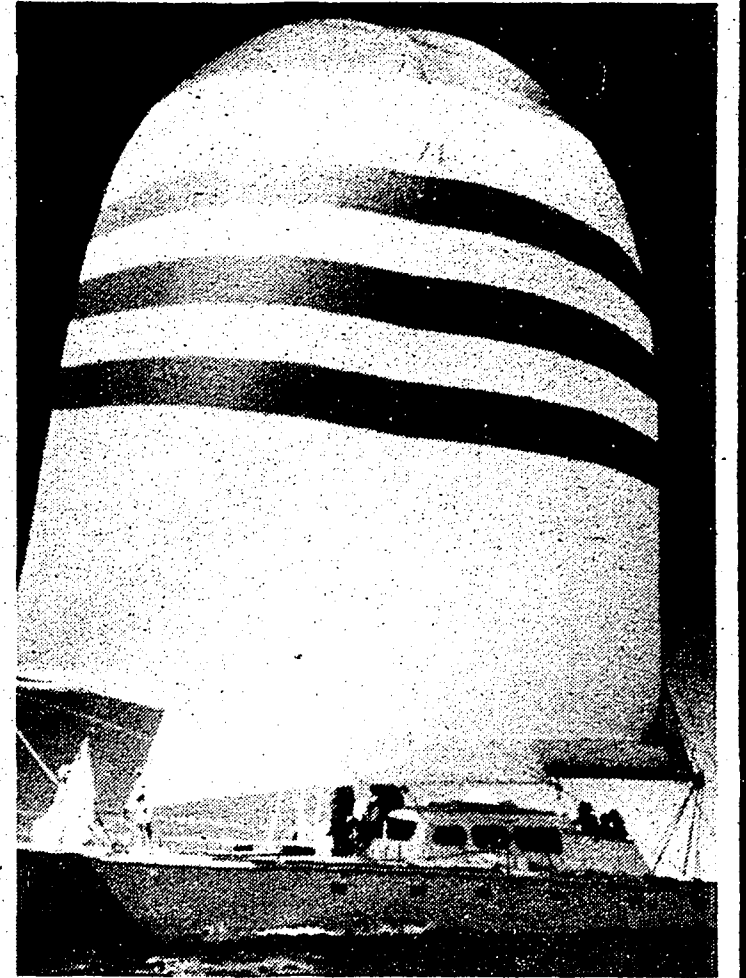
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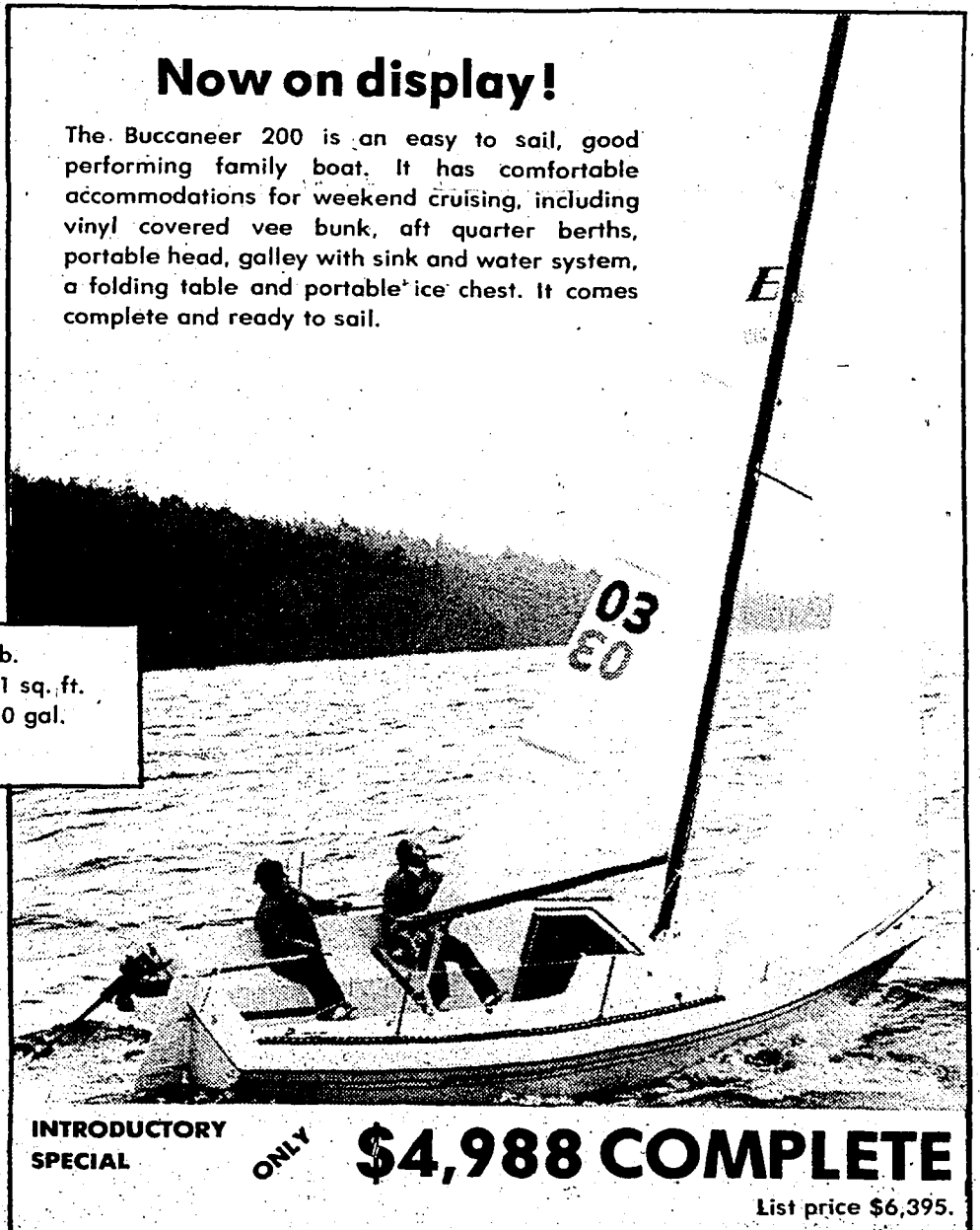
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# FISHING REPORT

By Norma and Fritz Stoppelbein



## Snook

It didn't take more than a couple of days of pretty weather to bring the big snook out of their hiding places. Anglers had good luck fishing our canals at night, most using nylon jigs. One angler brought in a 15 pounder on a Flowering Floreo. Two hefty ones over 20 pounds were brought in from the shoreline west of the pier before dawn. In two days, one guide reported his parties caught 34, of which 22 were released as they were less than the legal length of 18 inches. These were caught around the mangroves using Mr. Twister tails. The best snook story of the week came from this same guide who said he watched a visitor stroll down the dock and drop a shrimp on the end of a six pound test line into the water in front of the fish cleaning table and hook up with what turned out to be a 25 pound snook. See how easy it is to catch big fish -- just be in the right place at the right time!



## Snapper

From under the Causeway, fat snappers to a pound and a half were hitting live shrimp.



## Redfish

Several good size reds were being brought in at the pier again. In late evening and early morning several six to eight pounders were reported. Most were taking live shrimp. Just after midnight one angler took a 6 pounder and RELEASED a 13 pounder. (Smaller reds are tastier.) Another island fisherman scored with two six pounders in a canal near his home using a nylon jig. Minimum legal length for redfish is 12 inches.



## Flounder

Some reported this week from the Causeway shoreline, usually using shrimp for bait; but one angler scored using pin fish. Remember when presenting a large bait to a fish, whose eyes are bigger than its mouth, to allow time for the hook to be inhaled before trying to set it. Be sure the flounder you keep measures at least eleven inches from nose to end of tail.



## Sheepshead

Reported from the Causeway and around Captiva docks, and continued as the most plentiful catch off the pier. Most were taken on fiddler crabs, but one angler having the greatest success was using sandworms dug from the shoreline of the bay.



## Trout

In the Bay and the Sound, spotted seatrout averaging one to two pounds were taking both live shrimp and trout touts. One guide reported success using Mr. Twister tails. Anglers fishing the more sheltered areas east of Pine Island were bringing in large trout. All reported many under the legal 12 inch length released.

(Report compiled on information supplied by Captain Doug Fischer of South Seas Plantation, Captain Stu South of the Bait Box and members of South West Anglers Club.)

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# 'Fishy' canal yields snook

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we decided to walk its edge hoping the canal would widen. The area looked very fishy.

We were pleased when the canal led us to a small mangrove-ridged lake. It looked even more fishy. It was.

Doug cast a small pink bucktail jig and was immediately into a fish. It was the cutest little snook you've ever seen. Doug smiled and returned it to the water.

We caught several at this spot, Doug with his bucktail and I casting a spoon. But they were all too small to take home. We decided to try the far edge of the pond, hoping for deeper water and larger fish. It was a good move.

"Hey, Derby! This is a keeper!" Doug called out as a surprised snook shook his head at the water's surface and ran toward the mangroves. Doug followed the fish down the bank, laying his finger aside the spinning spool to increase pressure on the fish to the limit of his eight pound tackle.

The fish broke the surface three more times, tiring itself, and made smaller circular runs. Doug worked the spent fish to the shore,

slipped his hand beneath the gills and lifted the silvery fish from the water. It went about eight pounds. If the fish wasn't pleased the grinning angler certainly was.

It took me more than one cast to get into a fish but I wasn't long waiting. The snook took the lure and was off. The drag sang out as he searched for the safety of the mangroves roots. Unfortunately (not for him) he found one. The line broke immediately.

A new leader tied on, a new lure and I was into another nice snook. This was another strong fish and displayed all the acrobatics of its species, leaping and shaking before it surrendered to the beach.

Many of the fish we found that day were small, too small to keep, but we did bring home five, from four to eight pounds. Doug, with his magic bucktail, had landed 17 snook and I had beached seven. A number more were lost that performed, as fine, strong fish.

We were both very pleased. It had been a fine day and there would be fresh snook on the table that night. It was a great way to begin my winter, following fish. Chilly New England seemed very far away.

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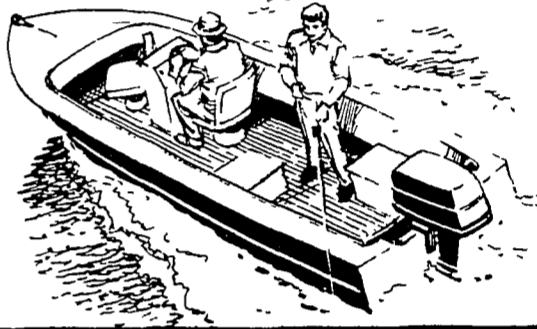
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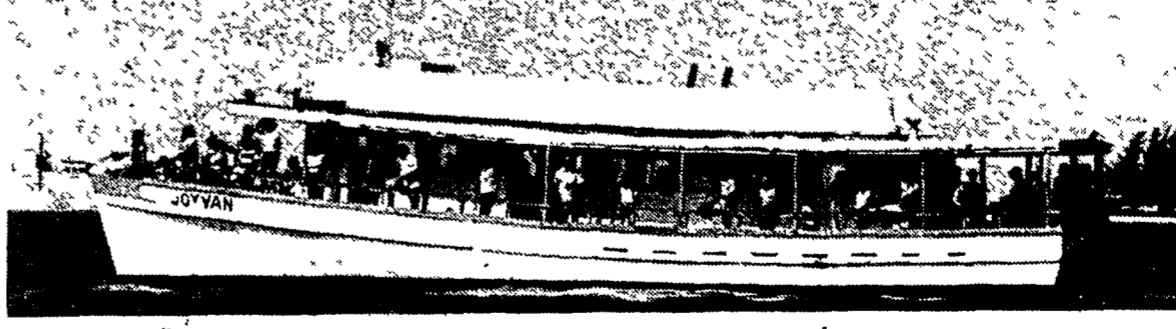
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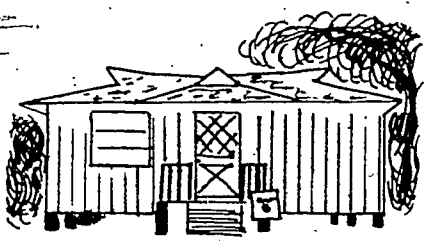
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## PERMITS AND DEEDS

Seven Sanibel building permits were issued during the week ending December 8. Permits went to:

Sanicor for construction of a garage screen enclosure by Construction Managers, Inc. at Sanicor Apartments Lighthouse Road;

Robert Sabin for a home to be built by Robert Steven Construction at 223 Hurricane Lane, Kearns subdivision;

Casuarina Corporation (Sanibel Beach Club) for construction of tennis courts by Rainbow Tennis and Sports, Inc. at 626 Nerita Street, Sanibel Shores subdivision;

C. Hansen-Strum for construction of a garden screen by Douglas Hale at 3348 Lake Road West;

Mariner Properties, Inc. for construction of two duplex units by Construction Managers, Inc. at 1100 Seagrass Lane;

Paul Osinchuk for a home to be built by the owner at 54 Brookhaven, Sanibel Highlands subdivision;

R.H. Crossman for a home to be constructed by Michigan Homes at 775 Limpet Drive, Shell Harbor subdivision.

Fourteen island deed closings were recorded at Lee County Courthouse during the same week. Closing included:

A Gulf front parcel on Sanibel (along cemetery road) sold to Hugger Kennedy Corporation by Ronald Fenton)

A lot on Captiva sold to T. Theodore Watrous, Winston F. Watrous and Harriet Watrous by Elizabeth B. Hawkins, Catherine V. Barret; Francis B. Caldwell, trustee; and Roger Schafer;

A Sundial of Sanibel condominium sold to William R. Minns by Charles W. Watson;

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A Lighthouse Point condominium sold to F. Bruce Larson by Castlewood Associates;

A Loggerhead Cay condominium sold to Edward J. Machno by Robert F. Buntrock;

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# Planning commission approves post-plan motel

Sanibel's Planning Commission approved a development permit late last month for construction of the island's first post-plan motel, a 14 unit complex call "Signal Inn" to be located beyond Middle Gulf Drive, west of Sundial.

Developing the project are Rick Hugger of Virginia and Rick Kennedy of Clearwater, Florida, a pair of young businessmen who together comprise the Hugger-Kennedy Corporation.

According to Hugger, a recent Sanibel resident, negotiations to buy the four and

one-half acre Gulf Front property began last January and terminated Wednesday of this week with a \$290,000 deed closing. The property was formerly owned by Ronald Fenton of Sanibel.

Specifically, Hugger-Kennedy blueprints call for construction of six duplex units, each averaging 1,200 square feet in size. In addition, two homes to be occupied by Hugger and Kennedy will be constructed on the site.

Hugger-Kennedy negotiations with the city, spanning roughly six months, were in

many ways a model application of the permitting procedure outlined in the comprehensive land use plan. The process went smoothly, claims Hugger, "Because we had no developer attitude, we made no demands." Hugger says he and his partner also submitted one of the most detailed plans the planning commission has reviewed, blueprints that conformed almost completely with the land use plan.

If Hugger and Kennedy have no "developer" attitude, it is because they are relative newcomers to the field of land

speculation and development. Hugger, 28, is a former teacher, Kennedy, also 28, is a truant officer with the Pinellas County School System. Friends for nearly 10 years, the two agreed a year ago that it was time for a change and subsequently decided to go into business together.

Two weeks ago the motel site -- some 300 feet behind mean high tide line -- was cleared with a loss of only 20 percent of the native vegetation. In January contractor Bill Frey will begin construction of the Inn.

Architecturally, the duplex units will be built on pilings and grouped around a central courtyard. Hugger says the buildings will have an "old Florida" design. "I think a Sanibel motel should look like Sanibel," he notes, "Not Tahiti or Polynesia."

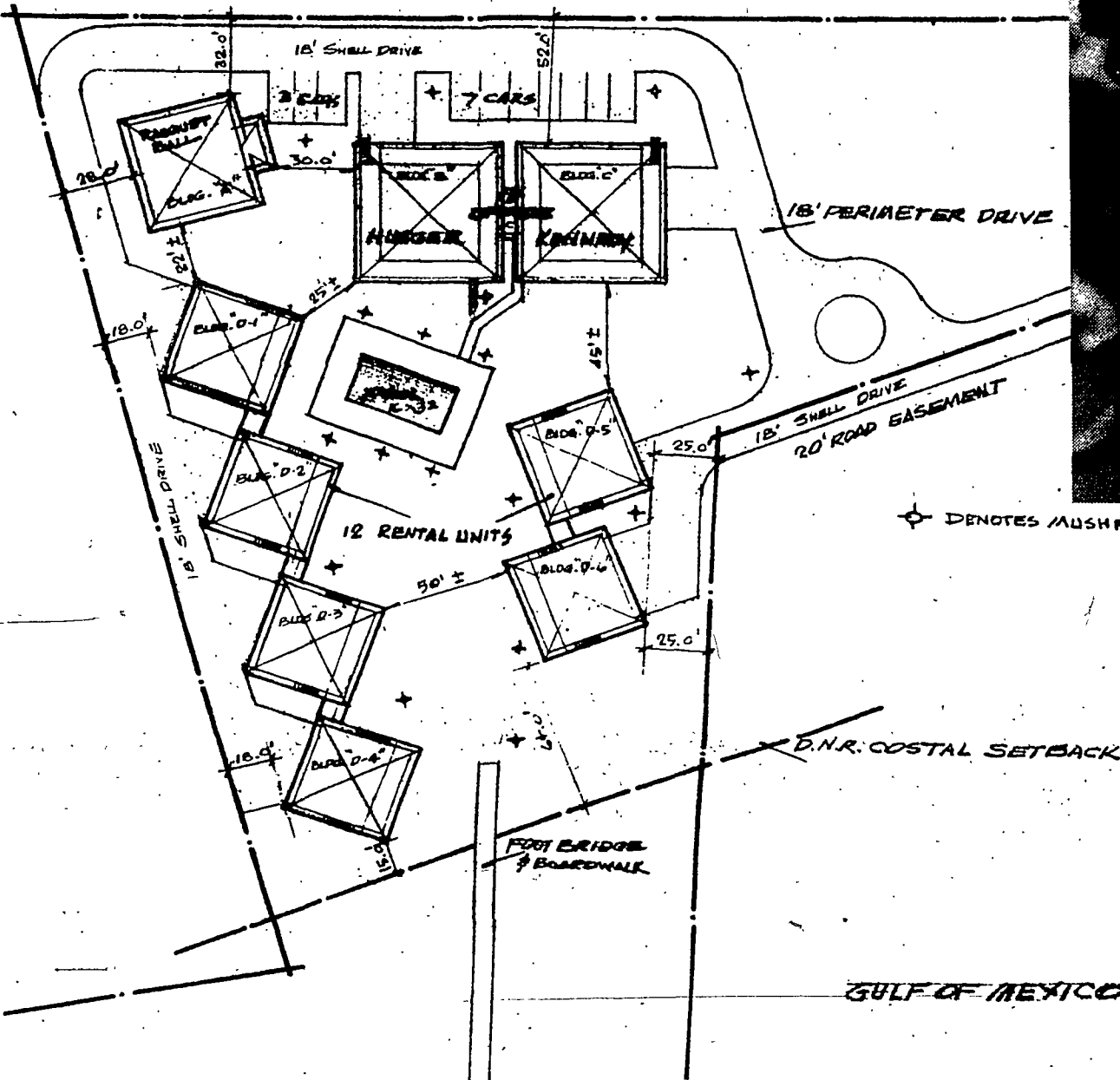
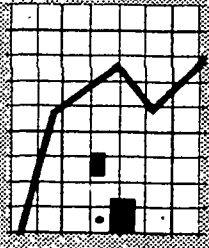
Resort amenities will include a swimming pool, a boardwalk leading to the beach, and the island's first racquetball courts. An avid racquetball player himself, Hugger says the courts will probably be the nucleus of a racquetball club.

Hugger and Kennedy also hope to erect an observation tower overlooking a nearby Perry Tract.

The road leading into the motel, from West Gulf Drive will be compacted shell, they add.

The two young entrepreneurs say they received advice and support in locating a motel site from Dick Kearns, owner of the Hurricane House.

## business & real estate



Hugger, above, says blueprint for the Inn call for construction of six duplex units grouped around a central courtyard.

## EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

By Peter Larson

Mariner Properties, Inc. concluded purchase last week of nineteen beachfront lots on Gasparilla with the last of \$1.3 million in payments to the Jamestown-Beachview Company.

"We've been buying the property in installments over a period of several years," said Mariner Properties president Robert Taylor of the transaction. Taylor said one lot has already been sold. The owner is reportedly building two beachfront duplexes.

Roll over Rembrandt.

Islanders with a favorite slide, photograph or print can now have their artwork transferred to a canvas surface at "Art Fac," a gallery that opened last week in Heart of the Islands Shopping Center.

Managed by recent Princeton transplants Ted and Jane Slossen, the gallery specializes in a unique process that creates canvas facsimiles of almost any work of art. Also, they can enlarge or reduce the canvas copy to any size desired, ranging from 11 x 14 to 40 x 60.

Samples of their work, along with photographs and lithographs for sale outright, occupy one wall of the Parcels and Gentry Office, 1628 Periwinkle Way.

Long ago sold out of the \$900 vacation weeks, Sanibel Beach Club amended the sale figure on its Causeway approach road billboard last month to read \$4,500.

"Now that we're entering the winter season, we thought it would be more straightforward to quote the price of a winter week," said John Hill, advertising consultant to the project. According to Hill a price increase at the project went into effect December 1, with weeks now ranging anywhere from \$1,900 to \$6,000, depending on the season.

Hill said occupancy of the five existing Sanibel Beach Club buildings will proceed on schedule in January. Sales are now beginning for future buildings, said Hill, with construction tentatively scheduled to begin this spring.

The condition of Lee County's labor force is greatly improved since this time last year, reports the Florida Department of Commerce.

The number of people unemployed is down 40 percent of the September 1975 figure. Especially encouraging are employment gains by some of the county's year-round industries.

The number of jobs in construction is up

15 percent over last year's figure and jobs in the county's small manufacturing jobs have risen 13 percent.

But even with recent gains, the Department of Commerce notes, neither industry has returned to job levels characteristic of pre-recession days. Government employment, the Department adds, increased six percent.

Floridians paid an average of \$163 each in local property taxes in fiscal year 1975, which the Florida Chamber of Commerce said is an increase of 14 percent over the average property tax of \$143 paid in 1973.

A recent study by the Tax Foundation, Inc. shows the national average taxes paid varied widely, depending on the state. Taxes ranged from \$53 in Alabama to \$430 in Massachusetts. New Jersey was second highest with per capita property taxes of \$413. Florida was the highest in the south, but ranked 33rd nationally.

Alaska had the largest percentage gain with an increase of 70.6 percent. Four states actually reported slight decreases in property taxes. They were: Indiana, down \$5 to \$231; Colorado, down \$4 to \$214; Connecticut, down \$1 to \$352; and Wisconsin, also down \$1 to \$271.



## Karate students place in tournament

Three Sanibel Karate students of the Dojo Karate School won trophies at the Florida Grand National tournament of the American Karate Association last week in Miami.

Cindy Butler received a first place in kumite (women's fighting); Jody Welker received a second place, also in kumite, and Butch Webb made a third place in men's kata.

Other awards received by Sanibel students who placed in the finals was a fourth for Jeanine Welker in women's white belt karate, a fifth for Jill Welker in the same category, a fourth for Mark Kylo in men's white belt karate; and a fourth for Scott DeCamp in the junior kumite.

Karate instructor Lew Phillips was enthusiastic about the excellent showing. "These Sanibel kids are becoming well known on the karate circuit," he commented.

Phillips also expressed gratitude to the many parents who have contributed to the

school, now temporarily conducting classes Sunday and Thursday evenings at the Sanibel Fire Department.

A group of parents recently held a dance

with the proceeds used to buy needed equipment," said Phillips, "and Barbara and Tom Mackinson housed us in the Ramada Inn in Miami for the tournament."

## Lions expect Christmas tree delivery

A veritable forest of Christmas trees is expected to materialize at the corner of Tarpon Bay Road and Periwinkle Way come this weekend when pre-ordered and Christmas trees for sale will be delivered.

The Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club have ordered a large quantity of Scotch pine and white spruce trees to be sold as a major annual fund raiser to benefit their sight conservation projects.

Christmas tree pre-sale orders, which have been placed with the Lions Club in advance, will be honored on Sunday, December 12 and Monday, December 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. There is a possibility that the trees will be delivered on Saturday, December 11 and therefore

there is a possibility that pre-sale orders can be picked up on Saturday afternoon.

On Monday the public sale will begin and will continue from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily until all trees are sold.

"I hope we sell out early in the week," says chairman of the project, Bill Hatcher, "because we have a vast committee working and we'd like them to get finished early to spend time with their families during the holiday season."

The trees were grown in the state of Washington and range in size from four to ten feet, and in price from \$7 to \$23.

The tree sale will take place on the Nave property across the street from the Coconut Grove restaurant.



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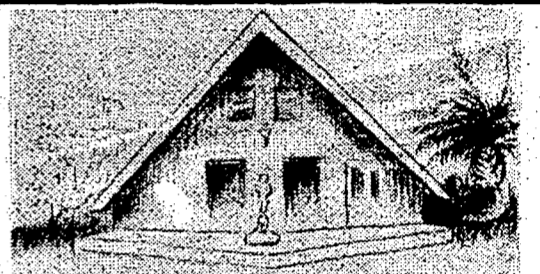
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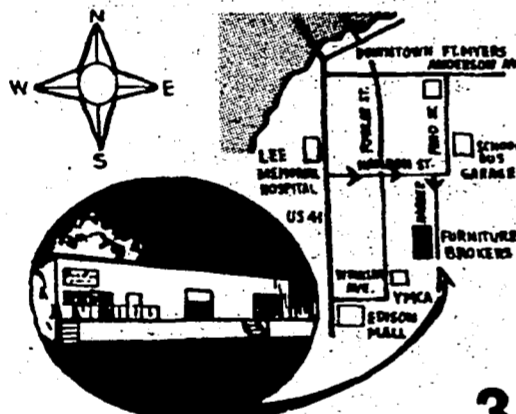
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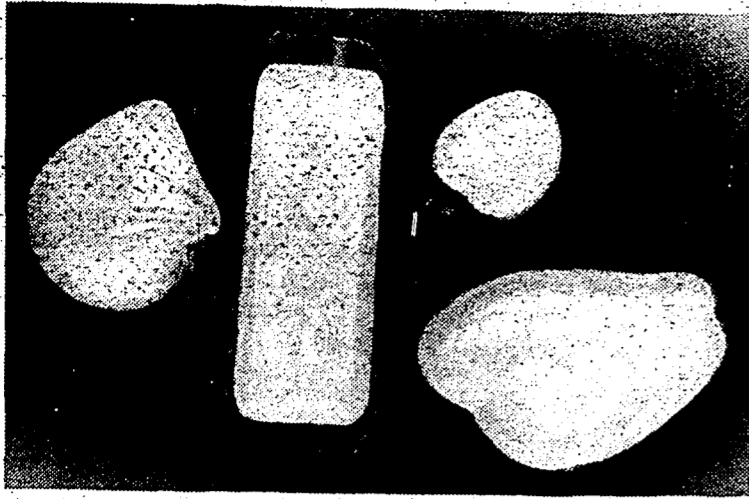
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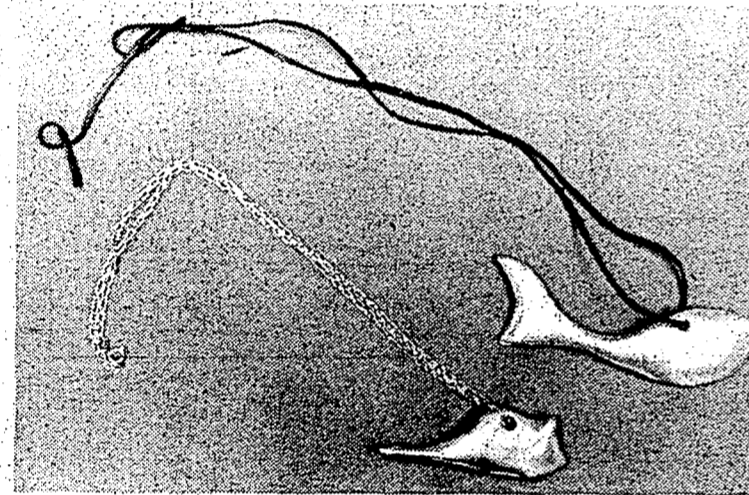
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# shopping the islands

*With Anne Marsh*

**Sconce at Once**

Step into an enchanting world of many periods of accessories and furnishings when you visit Once Upon a Time on Periwinkle Way. It is most appropriate to pay the shop a visit at Christmas time because both the interior and exterior seem "made for the season." It's difficult to decide on a favorite item, with so many alluring choices. Standing out above the rest was this oversized 1890 English brass single candle sconce at \$95. You'll find everything -- from authentic English "billy" clubs, fine china, prints and paintings to primitive kitchen tools and copper and brasses -- in this shop full of wonderment. Opening hours are Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



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Jewelry that speaks of the sea is one of the highlights of The Cedar Chest gift shop in the Tahitian Garden Shopping Center on Periwinkle Way. Formed of a meld of seven different kinds of metal these shiny pewter shaded designer pieces emerge in the form of fish, geese, and other species. They are priced from \$10.50 to \$13.95 and are only a small portion of a magnificent collection of jewelry on view at The Cedar Chest. This interesting gift shop is open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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# Batik, clock, craft kits featured at 'Idle Hours'

By Anne Marsh

A shop whose aim is to fill your own, or a "giftee's," idle hours, opened this past week in the Periwinkle Place Shopping Center's newest section. Idle Hours, presided over by Barbara Boulton, is an enterprise that has very craft-y ideas.

Barbara recently gave the Christmas Craft classes for the Community Courses here on the islands, and is still giving informal personal instructions to anyone who is seeking it at her shop.

The stock is varied and different and should keep many idle hands from becoming "devil's workshops." In addition to the knitting, needlepoint and macrame attractions, there are color-it-yourself poster kits, miniature furniture and miniature rooms by the X-acto company, complete clock kits for under \$10, Batik and tie-dye instruction booklets and dyes, silk flower kits, khaki and denim decorated handbag kits, ship

models, wall hangings and wire crafts.

Barbara has been interested in crafts all her life. "I'm sorry they never gave ship models kits to girls. I know I would have loved to make them -- and I think, when I have the time, I will!" Barbara and Ed Boulton came to the island on April 10, of this year, following their wedding.

They had been coming to the island every Christmas and Easter since 1969. "This place and this business has always been one of our dreams," she confessed. Ed is in the landscaping business and the shop is Barbara's pet project. She has also been a partner in the Valhalla Scandanavian imports shop in the shopping center since 1973.

Ed is a former Spanish teacher at Manahawkin High School in New Jersey where Barbara taught home economics. He is a graduate of Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania State College and she received her diploma from Drexel Institute of Technology.

After moving to the islands they found

the only thing they missed was seeing their young students. To fill this void they are teachers with the Sanibel Community Church youth group. "Ed teaches gardening and I teach silk screening," says Barbara.

## know your business

Also since moving to the islands they have built a house, now completed, on Poinciana Circle, off West Gulf Drive.

"When the bustle of the holidays, and opening the shop, and teaching the course subsides, I plan to give basic informal lessons in knitting, crocheting and macrame," says Barbara.

A glancing inventory at the many ways idle hours can be put to creative and satisfying uses are: hobby opticals; stained

glass projects; Indian beads; an Everglades air boat model; a Jacques St. Laurent boat model kit; a variety of materials for Christmas decorations -- styrofoam, red, green and white pipe cleaners; a kit with enough material to create 12 felt Christmas tree ornaments, and, leathercraft kits.

Accessories for crafts abound in the shop and include cord, paints, brushes, macrame decorations, even a microflame gas welding torch and folding scissors that can be used handily by righties or lefties.

If you'd like to send a snowflake to your snowbound friends up North from sunny Sanibel, Idle Hours can accommodate you. They have a kit selling for just \$2 from which you can fashion twelve snowflakes via the heritage craft of quilling (remember quill pens?)

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# Peggy Maloney dead at 79

Peggy Maloney, 79, a former well-known Sanibel resident, died at Lee Memorial Hospital on Saturday, December 4. Funeral services were private, and cremation followed.

Miss Maloney came to Sanibel in 1954. She had the distinction of playing in an early motion picture version of the musical "Irene." The film was made at a studio in New Jersey. She went on to become a member of the Ziegfeld Follies and did a show tour of Australia.

Following her career in show business, Miss Maloney was employed as a "trouble shooter" for the McCrory's Variety Stores, charged with investigating malpractices involving employees and management. She had said she was very proud of this career,

which utilized her acting talents to catch commercial culprits. A friend said, "she was introduced as a stylist-advisor to gain entry and always caught people 'red-handed.'"

On the island she originally lived in a trailer and later in a cottage on Fitzhugh Street. After leaving the island, Miss Maloney took up residence in Fort Myers Beach until her death this week.

She is survived by a niece in Reading, Pennsylvania and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Margaret Jones, the widow of Miss Maloney's late brother, Otto Jones, of Tahiti Shores, Sanibel.

The Maloney family was originally from Kentucky. Miss Maloney resided in New York City and had a summer home in Connecticut before moving to the island.

Former Ziegfeld Follies girl and actress Peggy Maloney, pictured with writer Thornton Wilder.



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Before expenses were deducted the gross figure rolled up to \$4,000, according to LaRugh Stormer, Bazaar chairman.

Her husband, Jack, who was among a force of 90 who worked for the success of the traditional pre-Christmas event, said "even though the money raised for church projects was gratifying, it was the 100 percent fellowship achieved at the pre-Bazaar workshops that far exceeded the monetary value in satisfaction."

The Community House parking lot was filled all day and traffic was slowed by the volume of the crowds.

*A record number of people crowded the Community House for the Community Church Bazaar. Gross sales reached \$4,000.*

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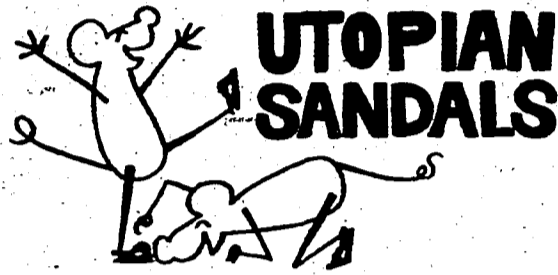
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# Renaissance for Useppa

**BY PETER LARSON**

Half a century ago, as the jazz age neared its zenith, F. Scott Fitzgerald penned his now famous dictum on wealth and the wealthy.

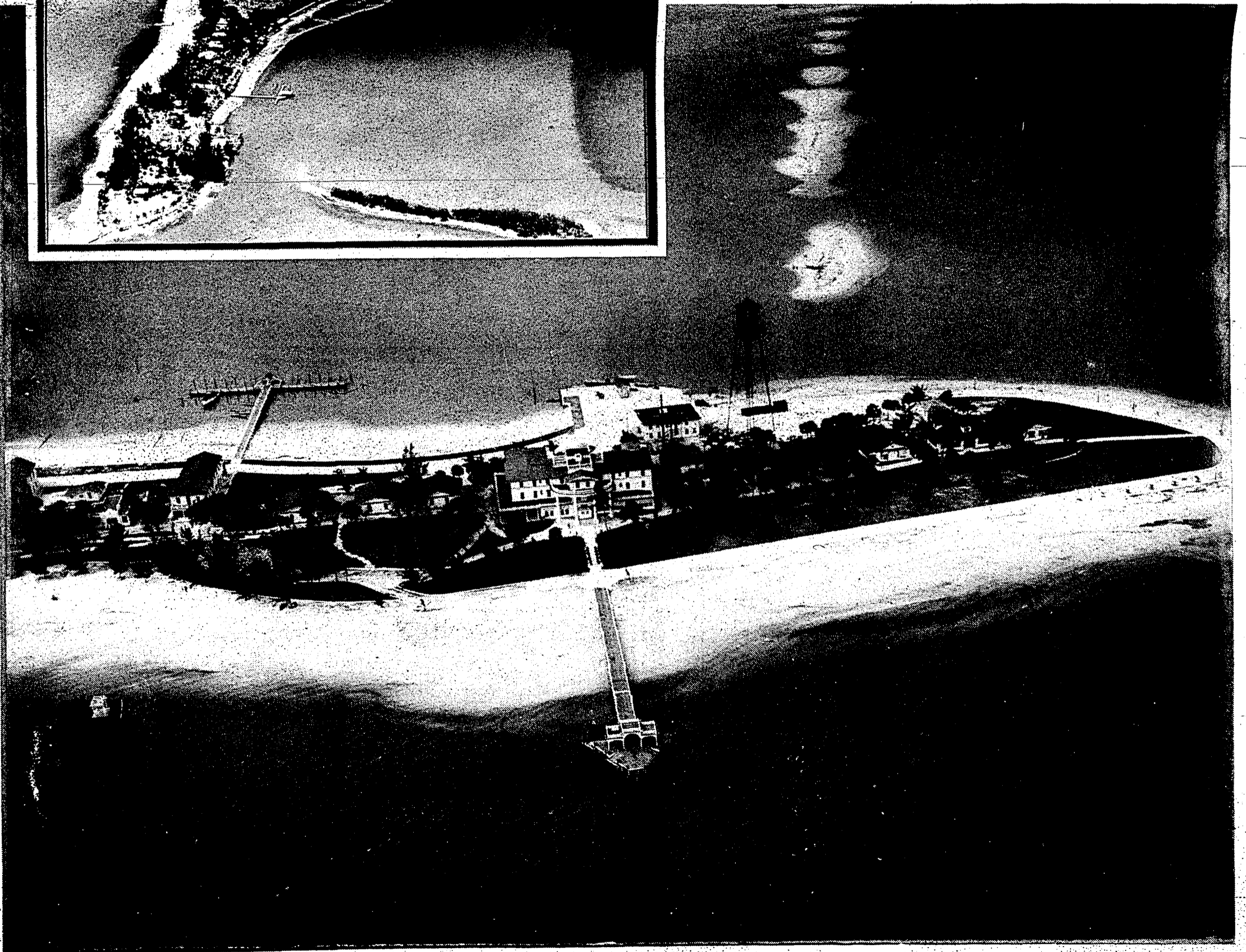
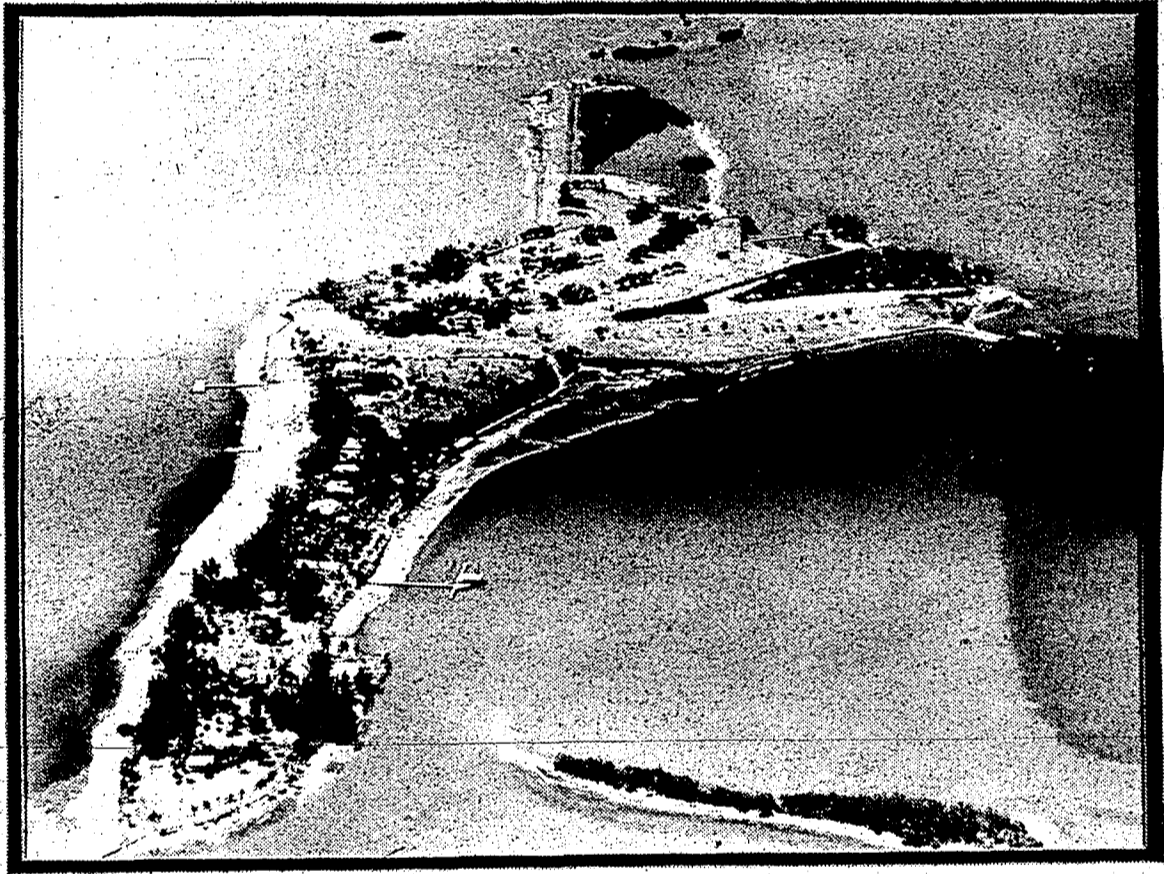
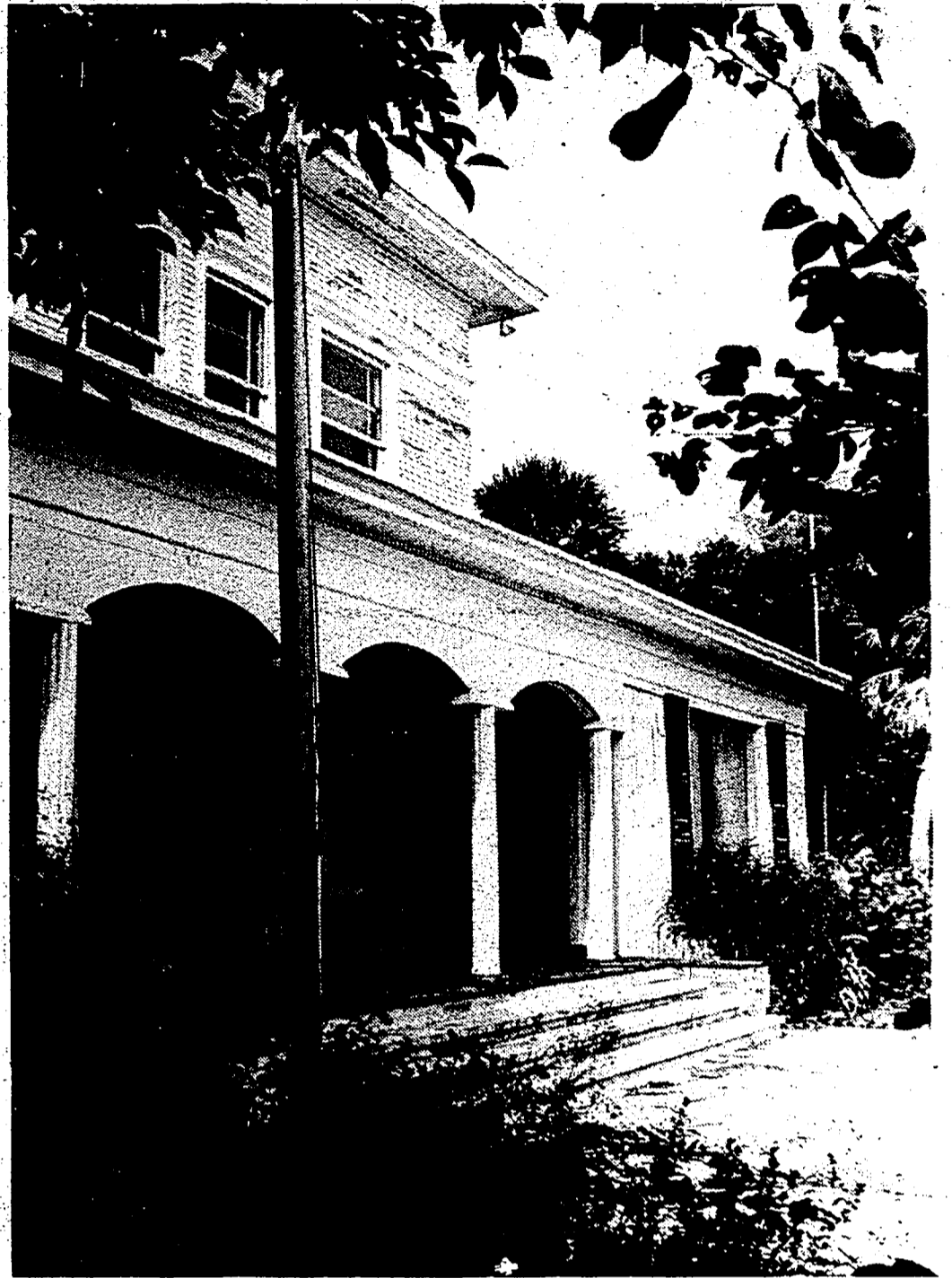
"The rich," Fitzgerald stated succinctly, "are different than you and I."

In at least one respect the rich are different than you and I, different because they can afford to be fickle. One monument to their caprice -- located due east of Cayo Costa island and 30 minutes

by boat from the north tip of Captiva -- is called Useppa.

Established in the late 1800's and achieving prominence in an age when capital was even more abundant than imagination, Useppa was once one of the premier resorts in Southwest Florida. Exclusive beyond description and lavish even by Gatsbyesque standards, the 80-acre island attracted the Vanderbilts, Rothchilds and Rockefellers. Presidents Teddy Roosevelt and Herbert Hoover

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# Renaissance for Useppa

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vacationed there, as did Zane Grey, Gene Tunney, Hedy Lamarr, Shirley Temple and Gloria Swanson.

Their names -- entered in the Useppa Inn register -- are housed today in a rust-locked safe on Useppa. The island itself was all but deserted three years ago, surrendered wholesale to the ravages of wind, humidity and tropical overgrowth. A silk-upholstered ruin, her Persian carpets mildewed and her docks rotted.

Today, however, with exclusivity and remoteness again commanding top real estate dollar, Useppa may be in for a second heyday. Last month the investment partnership headed by Mariner Properties, Inc. began a major effort to restore the aging property, a bid that may eventually lure America's elite back to the waters of upper Pine Island Sound.

According to Mariner President Robert Taylor, long-range plans call for the creation of a unique club on Useppa and the possible marketing of an as yet undetermined number of select homesites. For the next two years, however, the sole emphasis will be on restoration of the existing resort and its amenities.

"So far it's been more like an archaeological dig than a restoration," claims Gar Beckstead, an investor in the project and former

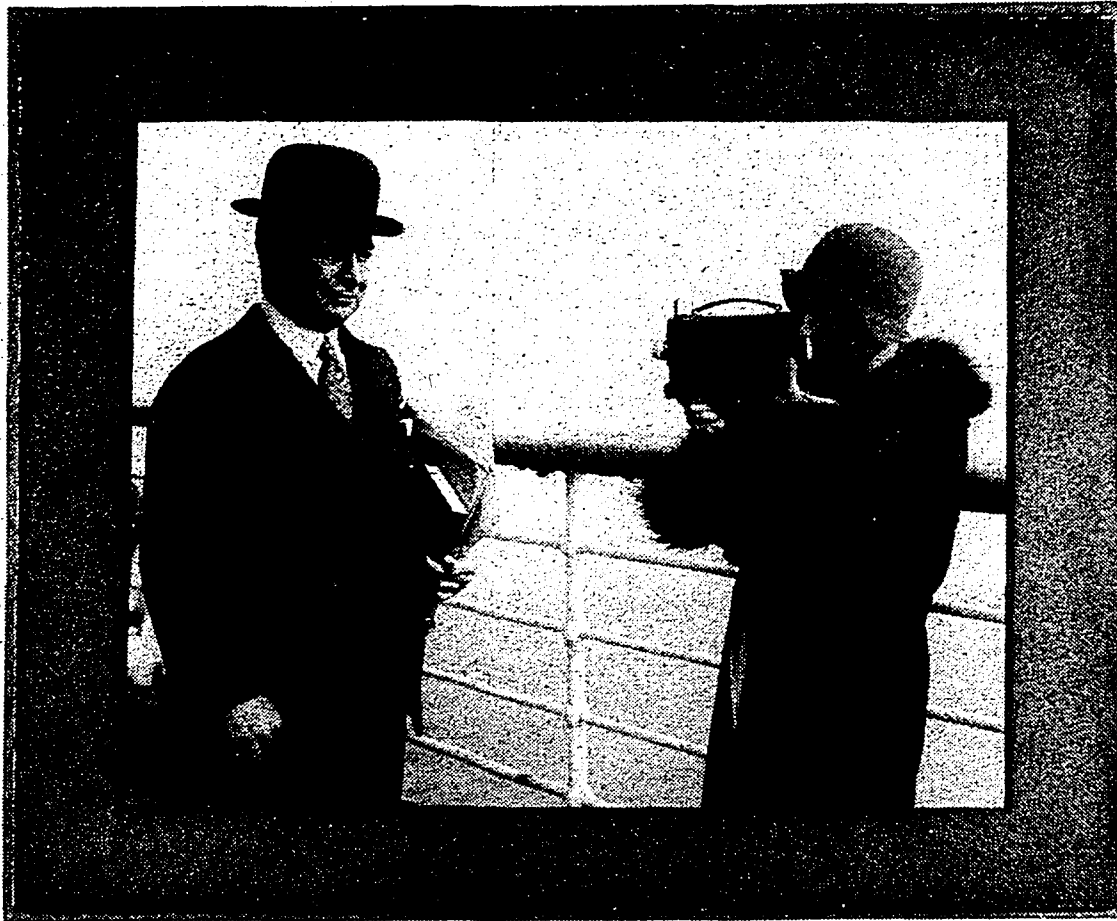
management consultant who left a post in Copenhagen to become resident supervisor of the restoration. After three weeks on the island, Beckstead and his staff have barely succeeded in cutting back vegetation that choked the resort's 15 buildings.

A Victorian version of Pompeii, much of Useppa was preserved beneath decades of dirt and debris when Beckstead arrived. Using old photographs as a guide he excavated two staircases, several ornamental urns and a red path-

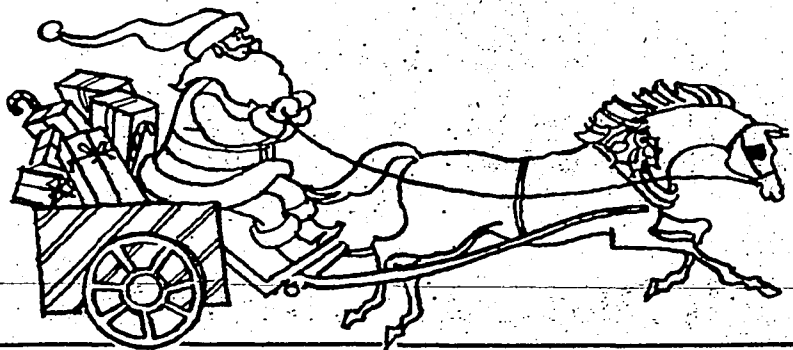
way that runs almost half the length of the island (one mile) along the island's elevated shell ridge.

Beneath a jungle of Australian pines, scrub grass and cactus, Beckstead found an incredible array of exotic trees. Planted decades ago by globe-trotting guests, banyans and thrinax palms were discovered flourishing beside live oak, Washingtonian palms and dense stands of gumbo limbo.

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A man believed to be advertising mogul Barron Collier poses for a flapper photographer.



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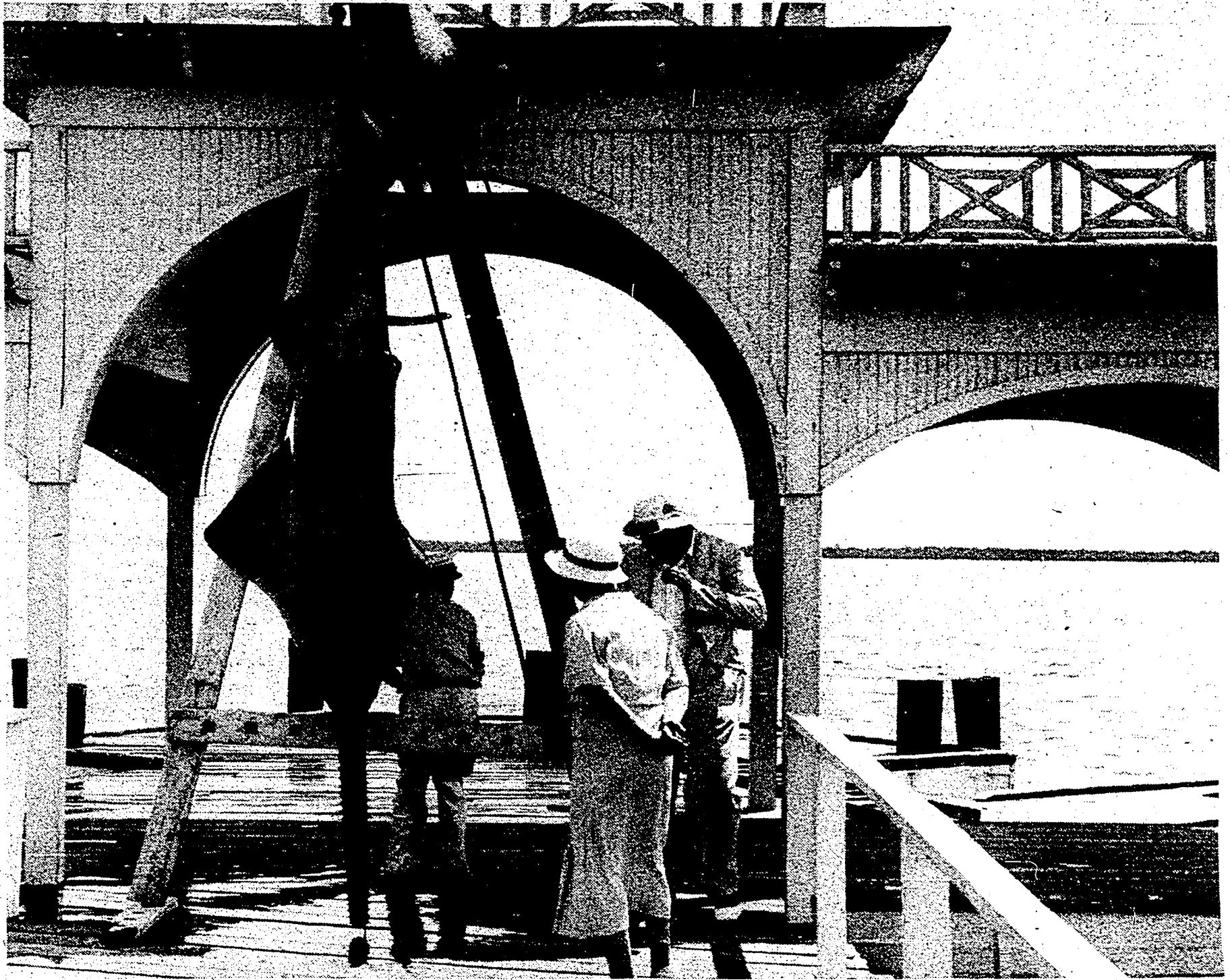
Beside a disused swimming pool Beckstead identified an olive tree ranked by one visiting botanist as the finest specimen in North America.

Though Useppa's buildings have been largely stripped of original furniture, art and artifacts, Beckstead also uncovered a wealth of memorabilia. In the mansion built and occupied by advertising mogul Barron Collier, photographs are stacked like cordwood in one small room. Books, documents, files and fish registers found in the same room record the history of Useppa as it was early in this century.

The history of the island stretches back much earlier than the 1890's, however, when Useppa first saw service as a resort. In the early 1800's it was reportedly the haunt of pirate Jose Gasparilla and, according to some fanciful accounts, was named after "Joseffa," a favorite mistress he kept cloistered there. Presumably, the name was later corrupted to become "Useppa."

The site of extensive Caloosa Indian shell mounds, Useppa also played a key role in the Seminole Indian Wars of the 1840's. In 1848, a military survey team selected the island (identified as "Giuseppe") as the best location for a military post and depot. Their report, filed now in the National Archives in Washington, D.C., rejects "Sanibal" and other islands in the vicinity, "Because there is little or no high and arable land above the reach of storms ...

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Guests examine a sawfish hanging from the island's main dock. Tarpon and giant 'devilfish' rays were also favorite quarry of vacationing sportsmen.

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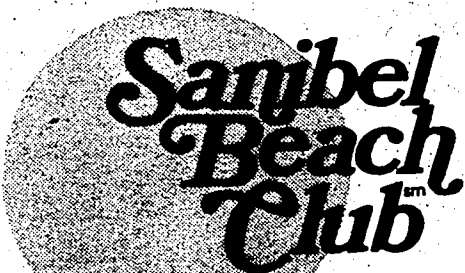
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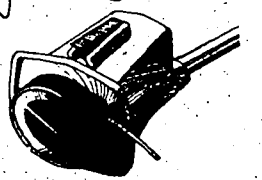
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and lastly because the mosquitoes render them almost unendurable during nine months of the year."

The army never built a fort on Useppa, but in the 1890's the same high ground that attracted the military caught the eye of Chicago streetcar tycoon John M. Roach.

Roach, passing the island by steamer enroute to Fort Myers, decided to buy the island outright. Later, he built a small cottage near the center of Useppa.

In 1902, implored by area

fishing guides, Roach built a small inn near the north end of the island. The 20 room inn became a sportsman's mecca, with the steam yacht "Valima" leading daily tarpon fishing excursions out to the passes.

In season, the "Valima" departed an hour before slack tide, towing a string of 16 to 18 foot rowboats in her wake. Once in the passes, guides untied their boats from the tow cable and rowed around the pass fishing until the tide became too strong, at which

point the "Valima" picked them up again.

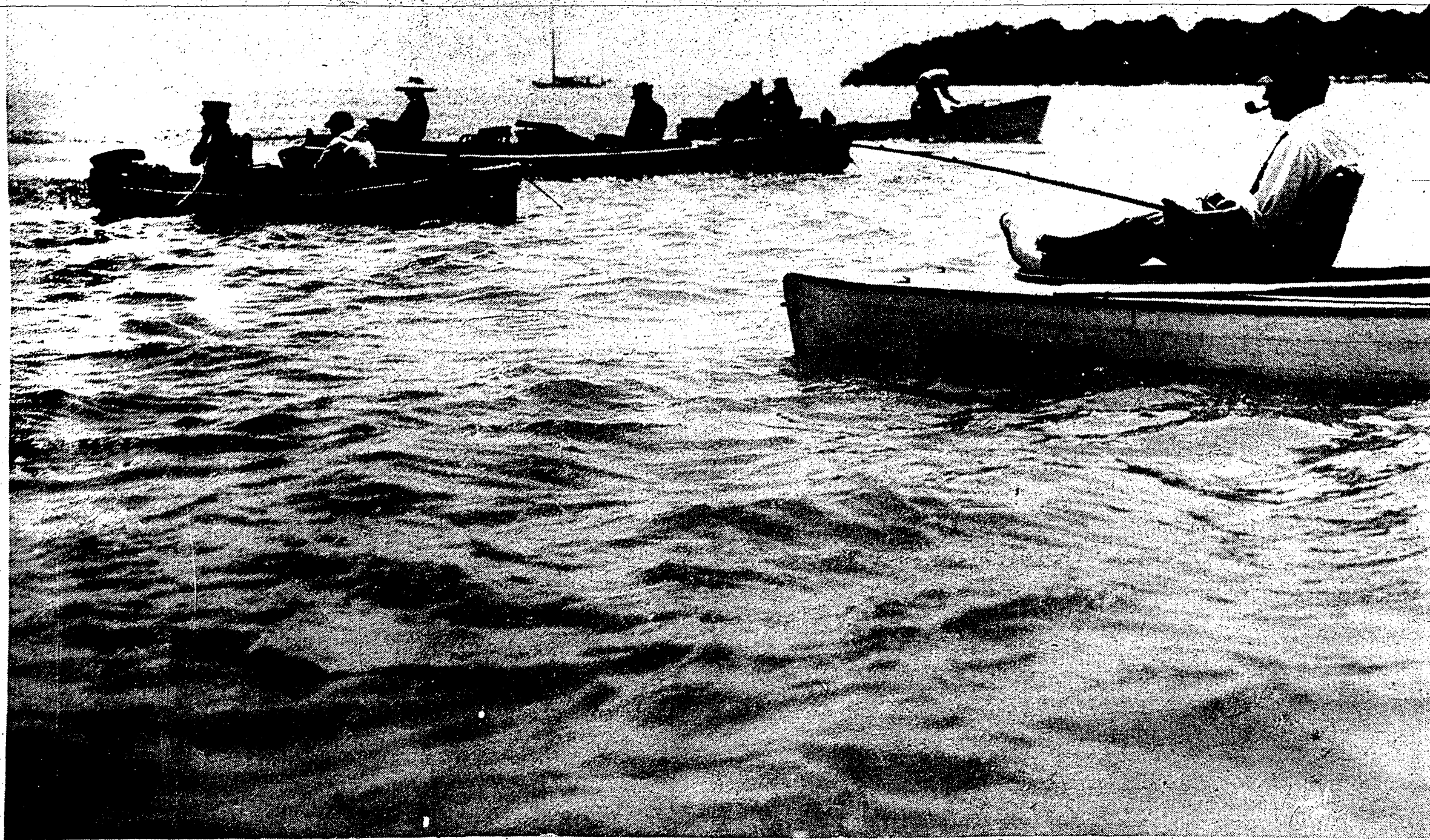
One regular at the inn was Edward Vom Hofe, inventor of the modern star-drag reel. After battling one 210-pound tarpon with an old fashioned thumb brake reel, Vom Hofe was inspired to invent the device that ushered in the age of modern sportsfishing.

Two events early in the 20th century helped catapult the island to international fame. In 1907 the Charlotte Harbor and Northern Railway was extended to Boca

Grande, making the island increasingly accessible to the ppered rich. Built to haul phosph from the port city, the rail line soon hauling carloads of tar anglers to the area.

Five years after the advent the railway, Useppa caught the eye of Barron Collier, a New Y millionaire who made his fortune selling advertising sp on streetcars. Collier, also a speculator, publisher and na sake of Collier County, bought island from Roach in 1912

# Renaissance for Useppa



made it one of nine hotels that later comprised the Collier Florida Coast Hotel chain.

Under Collier's dominion, Useppa saw improvements that made the resort island an institution and elevated tarpon fishing from humble sport to high religion. The year he purchased the island Collier founded the Izaak Walton Club of Useppa, a Tarpon fishing coterie named for the author of "The Compleat Angler," a 17th century fishing classic.

Fifty-four members joined the

club that year, competing for the society's coveted silver, gold and diamond buttons. According to the original rules, silver buttons were awarded to "each member landing a tarpon with a rod and reel." For a tarpon exceeding six feet in length (later amended to 100 pounds), the club awarded gold buttons, with record breaking catches capturing diamond buttons.

Women were forbidden to enter the club room, a photograph-filled sanctuary lined with tarpon

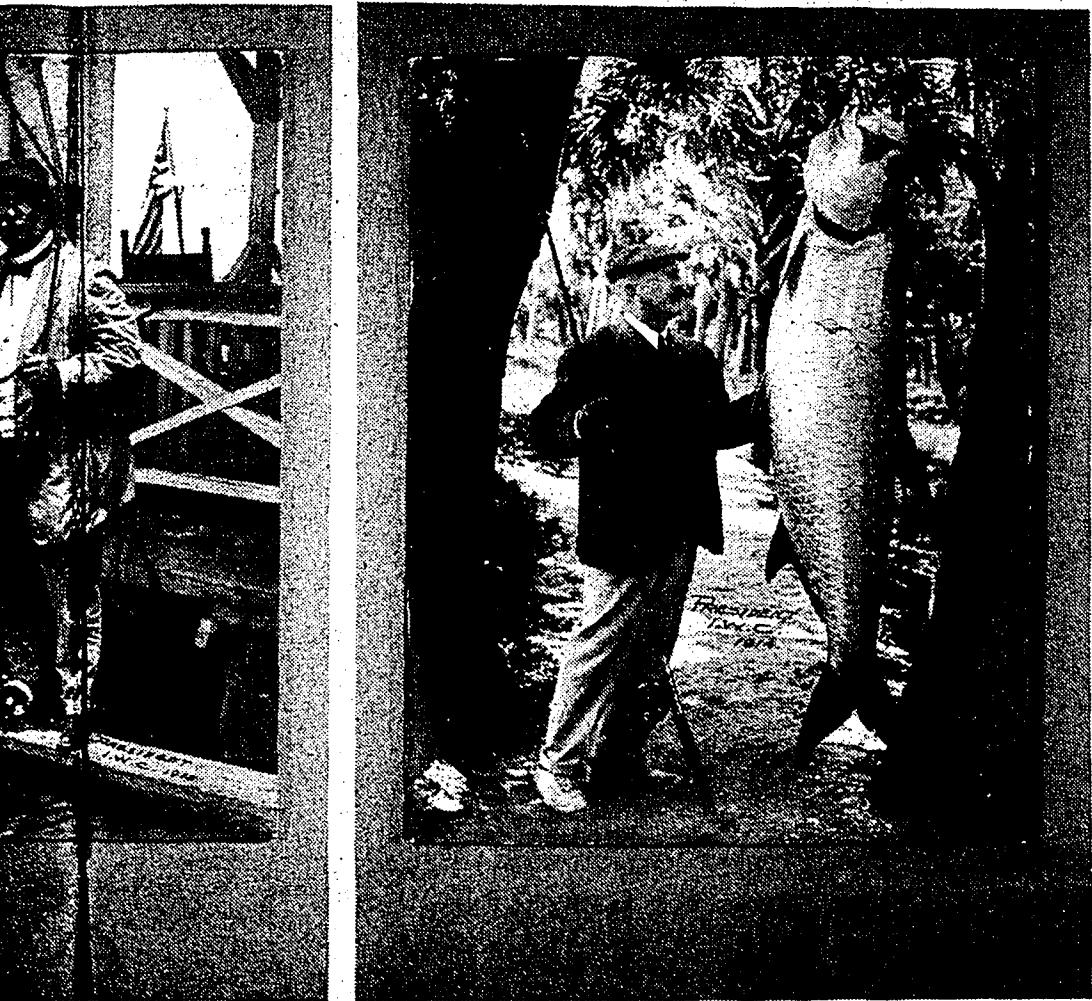
scales. Each scale was marked with a date, the fisherman's name and the weight of the catch. One brochure published early in the century estimates the total tarpon catch by Useppa guests at over 17,000.

Over the years Collier built an assortment of guest bungalows on either side of the inn and a three story pillared mansion for his own use. Several hundred yards from his own home, on the hilly southern end of the island, Collier created a spectacular golf course

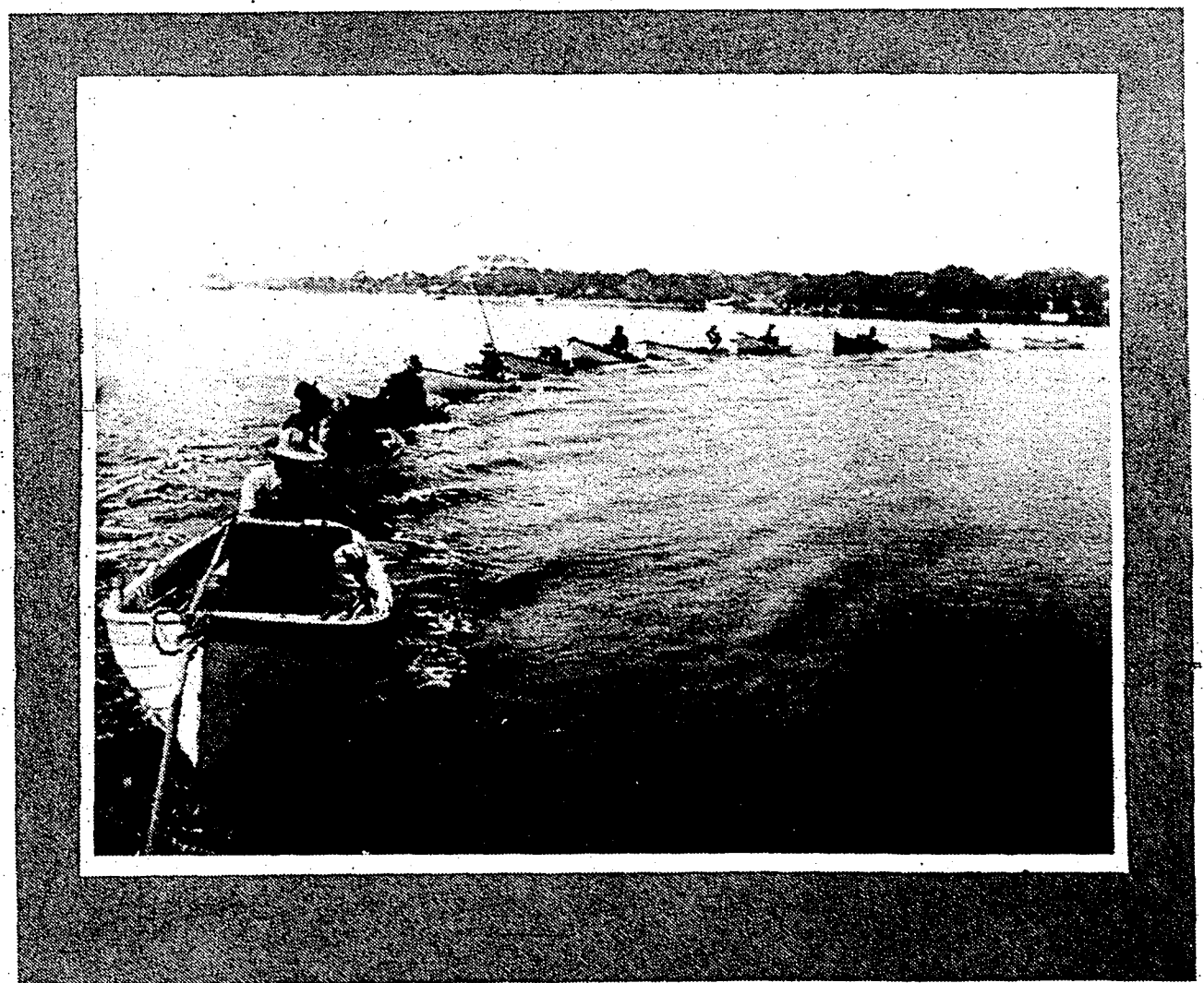
and pro-shop. Guests playing the island's fourth hole crossed a gangplank to tee off from the deck of a full scale schooner nicknamed "The Boat Tee."

The de facto emperor of Southwest Florida, Collier exercised the divine right of kings by establishing an illegal casino on his island. Fictional accounts of high rolling nights on Useppa are recorded in the works of Mary Roberts Rhinehart, the romantic novelist

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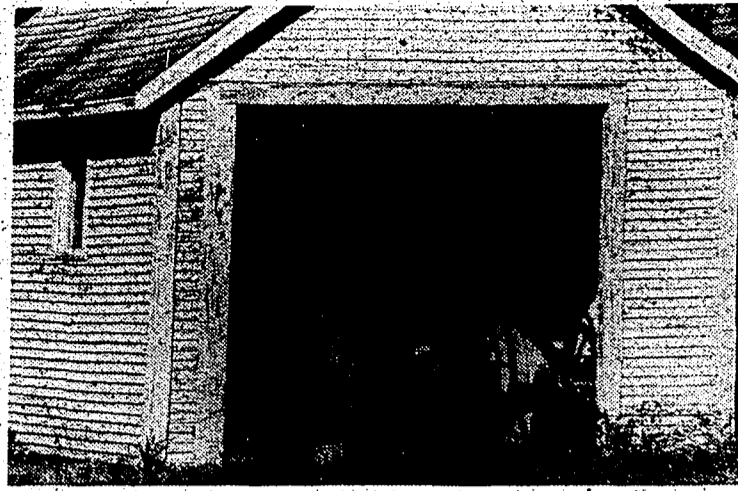
Early in the century, before the advent of the gasoline engine, a steam yacht towed long rafts of rowboats daily from Useppa to Captiva and Boca Grande Passes. Once in the passes, guides rowed their clients at ebb tide in search of tarpon. When the tide became too strong, the steamboat returned to take the skiffs in tow. Pictured above are two early presidents of the legendary "Izaak Walton Club of Useppa," a tarpon fishing coterie named for the 17th Century author of "The Compleat Angler."



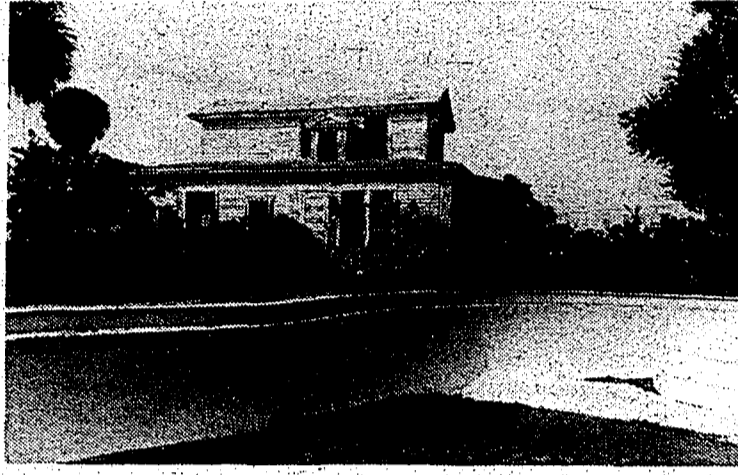


The island's reception center-general store greeted yachts approaching from Boca Grande.

Wagon wheel pumpers are still housed within a frame firehouse.



Useppa's pro-shop, with a disused swimming pool in foreground.



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leasing the island under an agreement with the Collier Corporation. Rumors of the cloak and dagger

episode still circulate among area fishermen and residents.

In 1973, Useppa was purchased again, this time by a partnership who occupied a cottage on the

island for several years before moving to neighboring Cabbage Key.

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 Some of Useppa's guests arrive by yacht or were met at Boca Grande and ferried five miles aboard the resort launch. Most came for fishing, tennis or golf but

some, like Herbert Hoover, came for a chance "to wash one's soul with pure air and rejoice that you do not have to decide a darn thing until next week."

Corporately, Useppa's guests shared enormous wealth, a wealth sufficient to keep the island staffed with a retinue of valets, beauticians, barbers, maids, cooks and stewards. The sunburned or seasick could even rely on treatment by a resident physician.

A carefree ark during the Great Depression, Useppa survived under Collier ownership until the late 1940's, when ownership passed to a group of Fort Myers businessmen. Later the property was acquired by William A. Snow of Macon, Georgia. James Turner, now the owner of Burgess Island, bought the resort from Snow in 1968.

By the 1950's the resort's monied guests had forsaken the Useppa for greener pastures and could not be lured back by promotional letters that asked, "Where have you been?" Though the resort remained in business into the early 1970's, the exorbitant cost of transportation, staff and materials made the island a losing proposition.

It was in April of 1960 that the island last saw extensive use -- reputedly as a training ground for Cuban counter-revolutionaries recruited for the Bay of Pigs invasion. It is rumored that some 1,000 Cuban exiles were trained there for the CIA-backed debacle,

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Mariner President Robert Taylor climbs to the roof of Barron Collier's three-story mansion.



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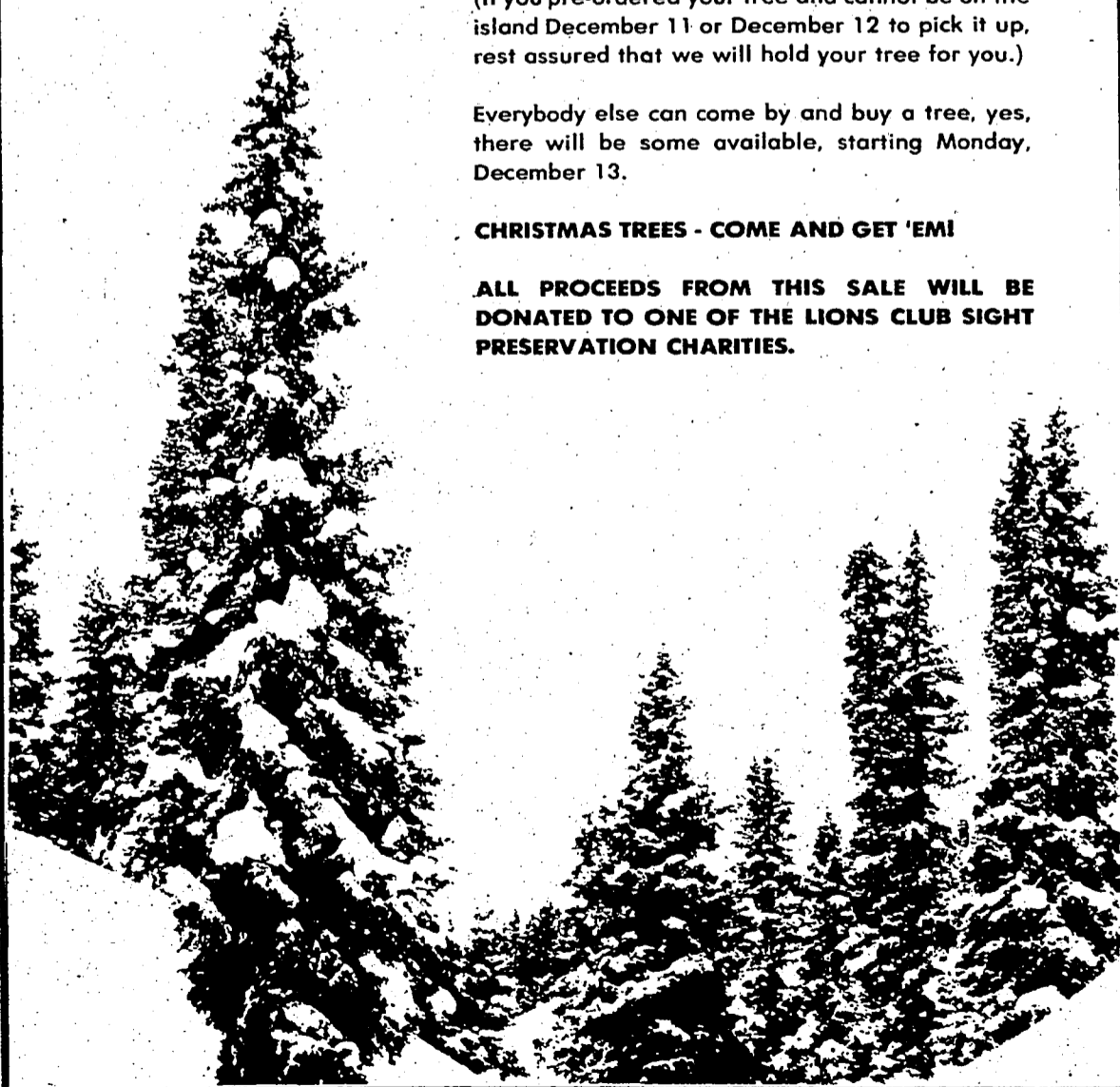
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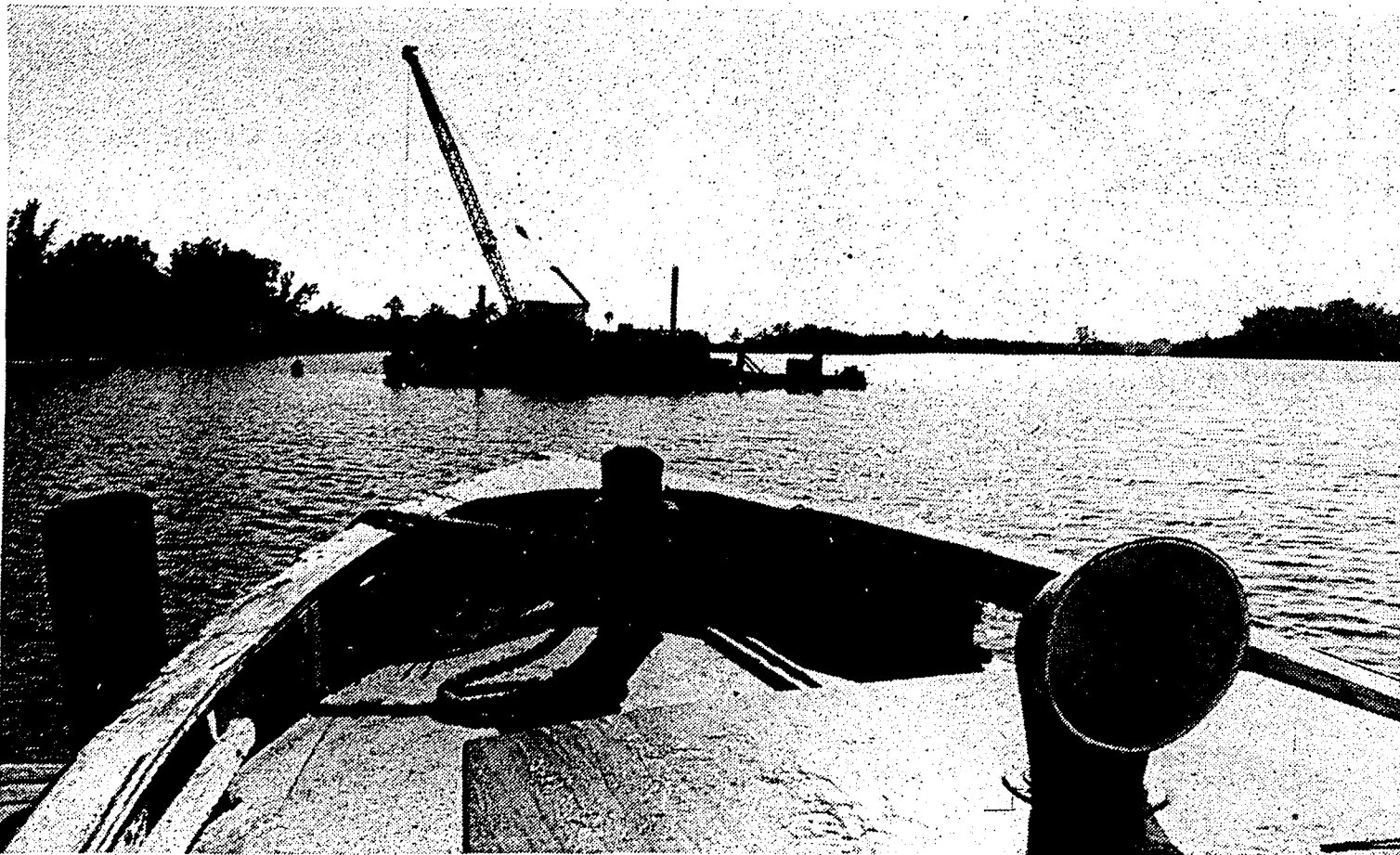
A barge of new pilings, seen from the remnant of Useppa's north coast pier.



A Victorian version of Pompeii, pathways and ornamental urns have been preserved beneath decades of dirt.



A grand, 25 step staircase led from Barron Collier's mansion to the once snow-white beach below.



Work began Monday on 700 feet of dock. Island owners say a 'character' boat may soon be shuttling invited guests to Useppa.

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represented by Mariner Properties, owners and developers of South Seas Plantation resort on Captiva. After paying approximately \$1.4 million for the island, the investors let the island stand idle awaiting, Taylor says, the right moment to restore the resort.

That moment arrived last month when Beckstead and his staff took up residence on Useppa. The market now exists, Beckstead says, for an exclusive Florida resort comparable to Frenchman's Cove in Jamaica or Cat and Walker Cays in the Bahamas.

"The island demands that we try to maintain it as a private place as much as possible," Beckstead explains. Useppa, Taylor adds, will definitely not be another Holiday Inn but, rather, an island club open to members, residents and their guests.

Beckstead and Taylor anticipate no new development for several years. They plan instead to refurbish and/or move 11 of the resort's 15 buildings. In February, they hope to have a character boat in operation shuttling invited guests to the island for tours. As a landing point for the boat, a 700 foot dock is already under construction. Renovation of cottages, maintenance buildings and Useppa's old reception center will come later.

Peeling an orange grown in Useppa's citrus grove, Beckstead concedes that the restoration process will be difficult. The island's artificial white sand beaches are now hidden by matted grass and her golf course unrecognizable. Of the Useppa Inn building and the Izaak Walton Club, only a few bushel baskets of dry tarpon scales remain.

"We're going to do things slowly, one piece at a time," says Beckstead. "None of us involved in the project are bloodthirsty investor types; we want to see everything done well."

Somewhere in this vast universe, Barron Collier must be pleased.



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# Stilt Sandpiper, Marbled Godwits sighted locally

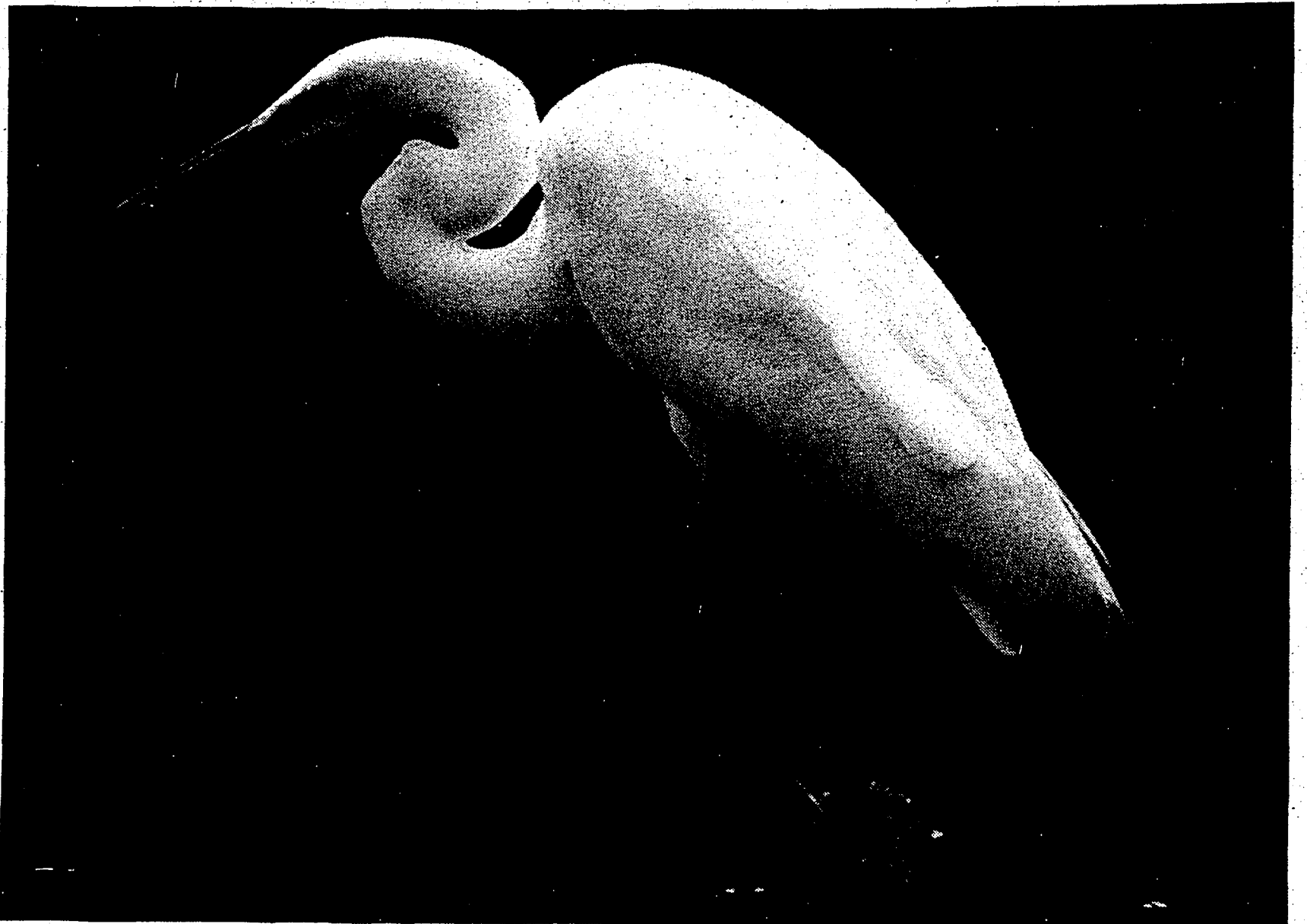
By George Weymouth

Black Terns normally gather on the Sanibel Causeway in mid-July as they prepare to fly en masse to South America. Before they leave they'll often number 300-500, yet this summer they were around two weeks late, first seen on July 26, and only peaked in numbers at 17, last recorded September 21.

Flocks of 200 or more Purple Martins began leaving about mid-August, mostly flying east off the lighthouse end of Sanibel to the mainland, but some, (like a flock of 500 I observed August 24) flew at dusk straight south down Tarpon Bay Road and disappeared out over the Gulf, heading, no doubt, to the Yucatan peninsula.

Gray Kingbirds began to leave in mid-August too, and by September 2 large flocks were also flying east off Sanibel. By September 19 I could only find five. In 1972, Griffing Bancroft reported to me seeing one on Tarpon Bay Road on October 26, and we can assume that's about as late as they ever stay.

Usually when the Gray Kingbird leaves, the American Kestrel (formerly Sparrow Hawk) arrives from the north, but this fall they were very late. The first arrival I'm aware of was observed October 10. The first Marsh Hawk was recorded on October 21; the first Broad-winged Hawk, September 11; and Cooper's Hawk, October 29. I'm not sure when the first sighting was for the Sharp-shinned Hawk, but they've been rather common all fall. A number of Merlin have been spotted since October 4 when T. Weed (from Key West) saw one on the island; he saw another on October 6. Then Michael Latona nailed three on October 16. On October 30 and November 22 they were also seen.




During August 24-28 one Stilt Sandpiper and two Marbled Godwits were observed by Al Emrick and his wife, Mildred, and on

September 24 they saw two more Godwits. They were in the Darling Tract, and out there on September 5, the first Blue-winged

Teal (8) arrived, and on September 19 the first Pied-billed Grebes (3) returned for the

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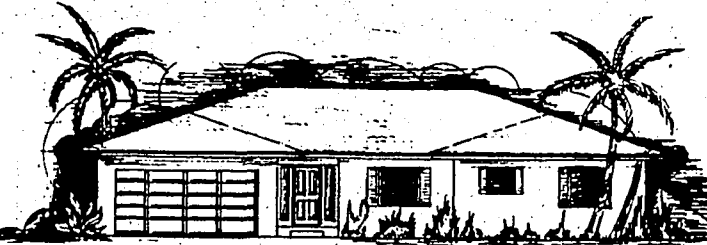


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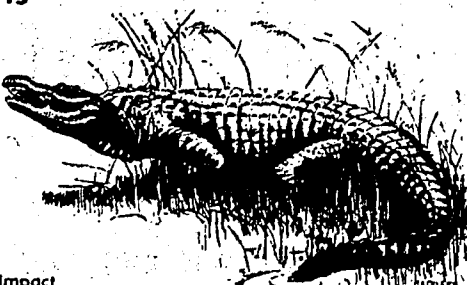
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# Area bird sightings reported

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winter. On October 1 Beebe saw the first wintering Ring-necked Ducks, Pintail and American Wigeon. Others recorded were Hooded Merganser, November 1; Lesser Scaup, November 6; and four Green-winged Teal recorded by Charles and Ella Newell on November 11.

On September 11, Al Emrick saw five Eastern Kingbirds, and also pinned down the first fall arrivals of Black-throated Blue, Wormeating, and Prothonotary Warblers. He also helped substantiate many of the above sightings.

I do not have many fall records myself and I wish to state my deep appreciation to the Saxingers, particularly to Billie, who made the following observations mostly during the month of September. Briefly, here are her most interesting sightings:

Red-eyed Vireo and one Summer Tanager at Lighthouse, September 6; Magnolia Warbler, September 12; Veery, September 13, 14, 23, 24, 25 and 26; American Redstart Warbler, September 23; Ruby-throated Warbler, September 25; Gray Catbird, September 26; Palm Warbler, September 27; Black-whiskered Vireo (last record of this summer resident) September 29; Ovenbird, September 31; Swainson's Thrush, October 1; Wood Thrush, October 3; Indigo Bunting, October 9; House Wren, October 22; and many other sightings. Once again my thanks to Billie Saxinger.

Michael Latona kept his eye out for the White Pelicans and felt positive 200-300 arrived back at the Cabbage Key area on

October 6.

Glen Bond possibly recorded this summer's last Mangrove Cuckoo on September 21, and on September 24 Billie Saxinger may have seen the last of the summer's Nighthawks (which, on September 2 were flying east on Sanibel in flocks of 50-100 at dusk, leaving the island).

Beebe had one or two White-throated Sparrows show up at his feeder on October 22 and 24 and then again on November 27, and I had eight Chipping Sparrows (rare) at our feeding area from November 10-15.

Four to six Savannah Sparrows have been out on the Causeway for the last three weeks at the grass edge by the last mud flat on the northeast side of the east island.

On October 24 I recorded a Short-billed Marsh Wren in the Darling Tract (they and the Long-billed Marsh Wren used to be common at the Bailey Tract, but not any more), and I observed on that date 16 Roseate Spoonbills flying east, high and in a V formation, apparently migrating to the Everglades National Park to nest, and Bond, on that date, recorded this winter's first Common Loons (2) in Pine Island Sound.

On October 27, Bond and Beebe recorded the Brant Goose mentioned earlier in Island Reporter. They found it in Tarpon Bay, and one week later (November 4) possibly the same bird flew over the Sanibel public pier. This species has been considered accidental to this area, and it occurred to us that its occurrence might be an indication of colder than normal weather due to come. Then, as if to back up our theory, on November 2,

two Surf-Scoters showed up (sea ducks from the northeast coast). They'd never been recorded here! They were positively identified by Beebe and Bond and later on November 19 they were recorded off the beach at Island Inn by a visiting naturalist. (They were also seen off Naples' beach.)

We've had a number of Avocats here this fall; Emrick recorded 13 on October 31, and on November 29 I recorded one, (plus the Fulvous Tree Duck mentioned in last week's Sanibel Sightings.) Last week, on December 3, we had 9 out on the Darling Tract, and on December 6 Charles Newell saw 16 out there.

We had two Bonaparte's Gulls seen on November 11, and on the same date I recorded my first (for this winter season)

Common Snipe, Herring and Ring-billed Gull, Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker, Eastern Phoebe, and American Robin.

On November 14 and 15 there were 4 Barn Owl sightings. (To see them, drive around after dark and shine a flashlight upon the power line wires.)

On November 16 down at Sanibel Cottages two Green Parakeets (released in Tampa about 10 years ago) were counted on the wire.

And on November 20, as reported by last week's Island Reporter, the second (or third) Woodcock ever recorded on Sanibel was found dead by George Campbell.

Any observers willing to share their Sanibel Sightings with me, please write me c/o Bailey's General Store.

## Audubon Society to screen film

The Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society will begin the 1976-77 winter program series on Thursday evening, December 16 with a screening of the most recent National Audubon Society film, "It Began With Birds."

The program will be held at the Sanibel Community House beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Program Chairman, Francis Saxinger, has prepared an interesting and varied group of programs for this winter series, according to Publicity Chairman, Bud Ryckman. Birds, of course, will be the theme of several programs.

Other areas of the ecosystem will also be discussed at Audubon programs. Sharks, gators, photography, turtles, weather, and an African Safari will all be challenging topics to be included in the series, said

Ryckman.

An Island Bird Identification Course is planned for January and February and will be conducted by those well-known island "birders," Charles and Ella Newell. The course will include indoor classes and outdoor field trips.

Beginning January 11, 1977, the Newells will conduct an indoor class every Tuesday for four weeks from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the West Wind Inn on Gulf Drive.


Four field trips will also be led by the Newells, with the first one scheduled for Thursday, January 13 at 8:30 a.m. The field trips will depart from the Island Cinema parking lot on Tarpon Bay Road.

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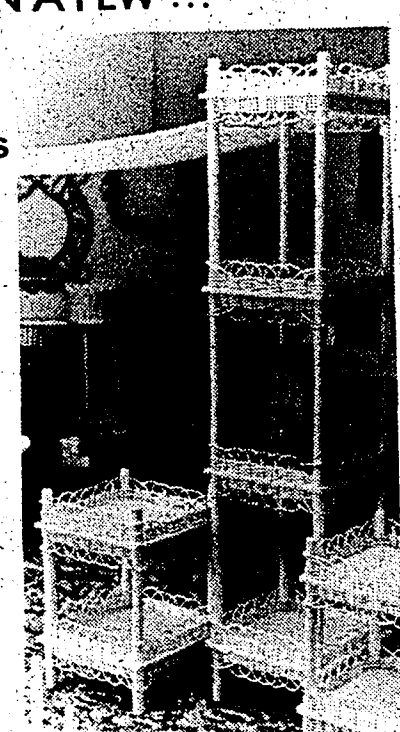
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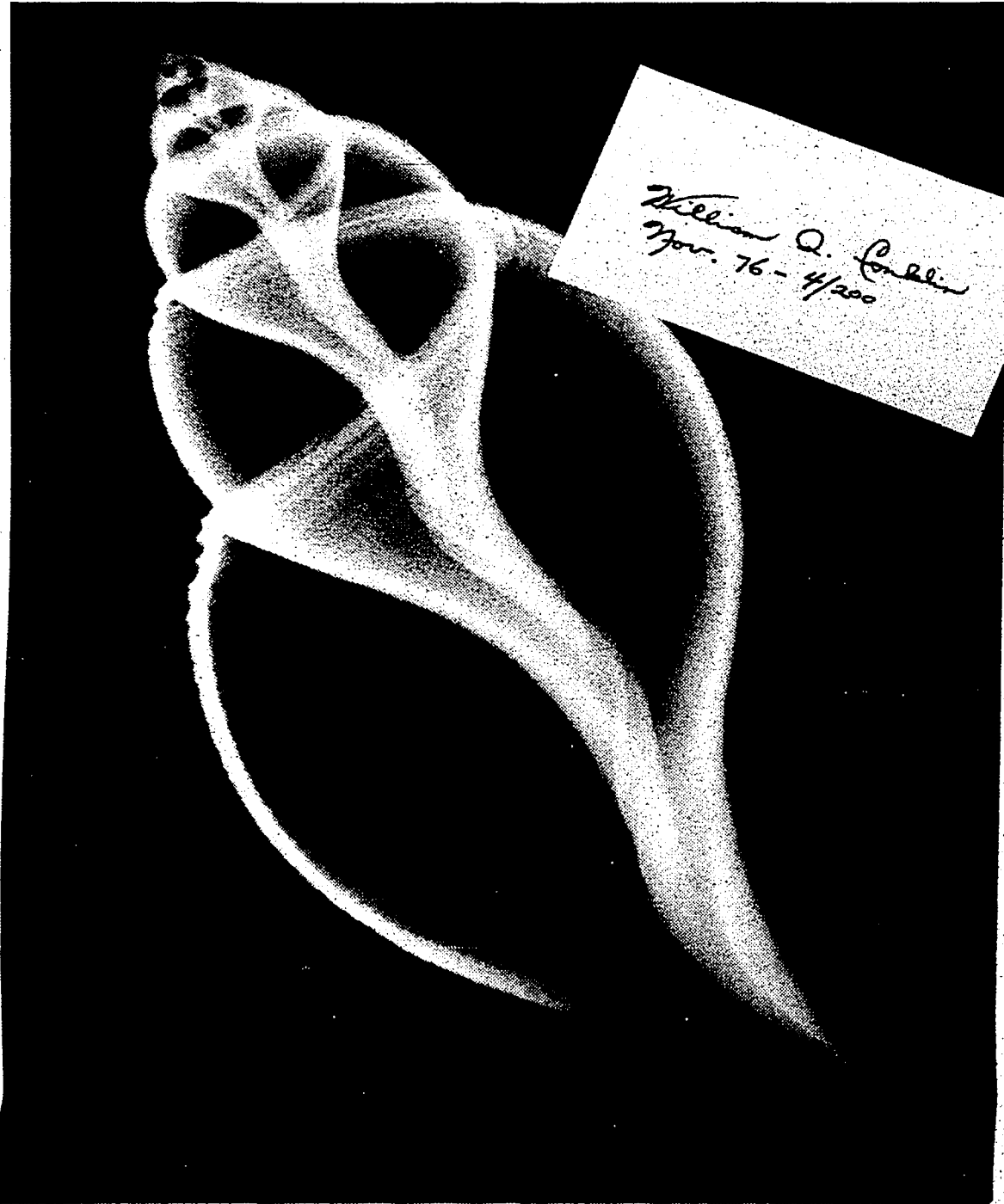
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it's broken on the inside. Poor structure."

As an authority on structure, Conklin's credentials are impeccable. After a 30 year career in the field of X-ray technology he has become a man who sees, as T.S. Elliott once wrote, "... the skull beneath the skin." Conklin has acquired an almost extra-sensory faculty for seeing inner structure where the rest of us see only form.

Professionally, Conklin ranks among the top radiological technicians in the nation. An author, lecturer and chief radiological technician at Orangeburg Regional Hospital in Orangeburg, South Carolina, Conklin has twice received the Pfahler Cup, the top award of the American Society of Radiological Technologists.

"I've seen it all," says Conklin, "freak accidents, human oddities, you name it. A farmer with a pitchfork in his belly and a kid with a skateboard axle through his foot; strange combinations of fingers and toes and dozens of different swallowed objects. As a matter of fact, I've got the whole collection with me here on Sanibel; I could lecture on oddities for hours."

But even more impressively, Conklin has applied his X-ray expertise outside medicine to secure a beachhead for radiology in the closed domain of the fine arts. Included among his non-medical subjects are rocks, snakes, fish, crabs, shrimp, and the venus system of the rose.

In 1970, three years after he and his family first began shelling on Sanibel-Captiva beaches, Conklin became interested in the structure of shells. Starting with a simple whelk he X-rayed a variety of island shells over the years, perfecting along the way a special process for photographing the finished X-rays.

X-raying shells is much like X-raying anything else, says Conklin. "Anything that has weight can be X-rayed," he explains. "By interposing the shells between the X-ray and a piece of X-ray sensitive film, you get an image. Where there is more weight, the shell absorbs more of the X-ray and you get a denser area on the film. Of course to get just the right amount of contrast and detail you adjust the amount of light hitting the shell."

Photographing the finished X-ray is a bit more difficult, says Conklin: "I've been refining the process for years. Finally I invented a special light box for mounting the X-ray negative when I'm taking a photograph of the shell. The light box also allows me to frame the X-ray the way I want it to appear in the photograph."

Since his first attempts six years ago Conklin has X-rayed and photographed practically every major shell found on local beaches, including a handful of exotics. Along the way he made several revolutionary discoveries about structure.

"Shells like the junonia that are pretty on the outside often have

pretty ordinary structure," says Conklin. "And the simple shells sometimes have beautiful structure. I guess shells are a lot like people in that respect."

Conklin's personal favorite is the banded tulip, a shell some collectors might consider mundane. Surprisingly, even the lowly pen shell and sea urchin have what Conklin considers good structure.

So far, Conklin's efforts have been applauded by island shellers. The radiological technician impressed island sheller and shell artist Kay McRae, for instance, with a cross section of a nautilus that almost matched her own painting of the same subject.

Currently, Conklin is seeking a market for his X-rays at several island shell shops. Already the Shell Factory in Fort Myers has expressed an interest in exhibiting his work. In the future, Conklin hopes to move into a personalized shell X-raying service catering to island collectors.

Whether or not Sanibel-Captiva collectors want to run the risk of discovering their junonias are unspectacular or their cone has "cancer" remains to be seen. But Conklin is confident.

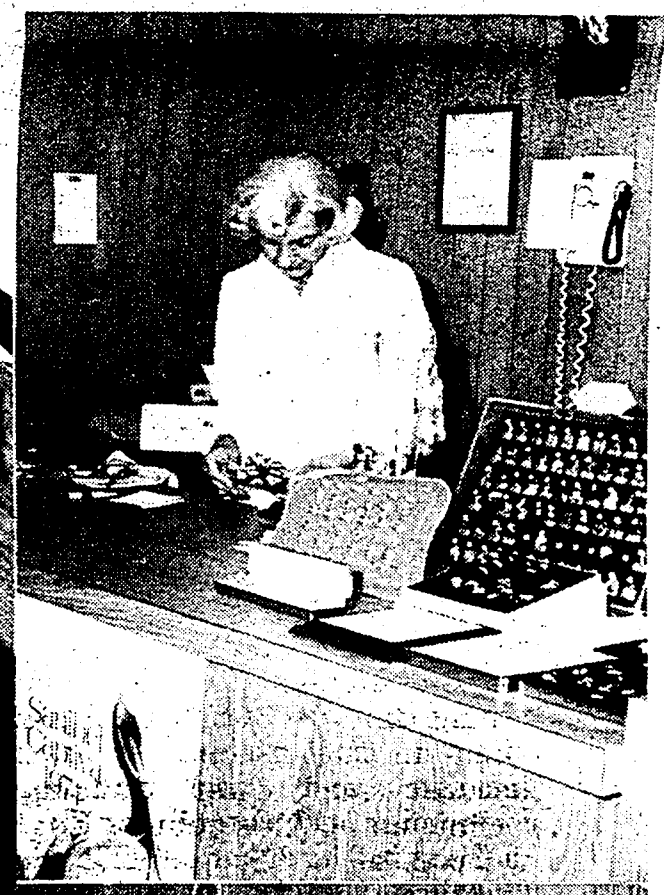
"Quality is an internal thing too," he states. "This service would let people see the inside of their favorite shell."

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# today's living

By A. Ray Cartledge

The cars were stalled on the other lanes of the highway for four miles this summer. We were on the other two lanes and I checked the tie-up with my odometer. I suppose most of us have been caught in such a tie-up at one time or another. One person's accident, whether by his own carelessness or another's, can cause many to be inconvenienced and even to suffer.

Two thoughts bounced around in my head as I drove the miles past the blocked automobiles.

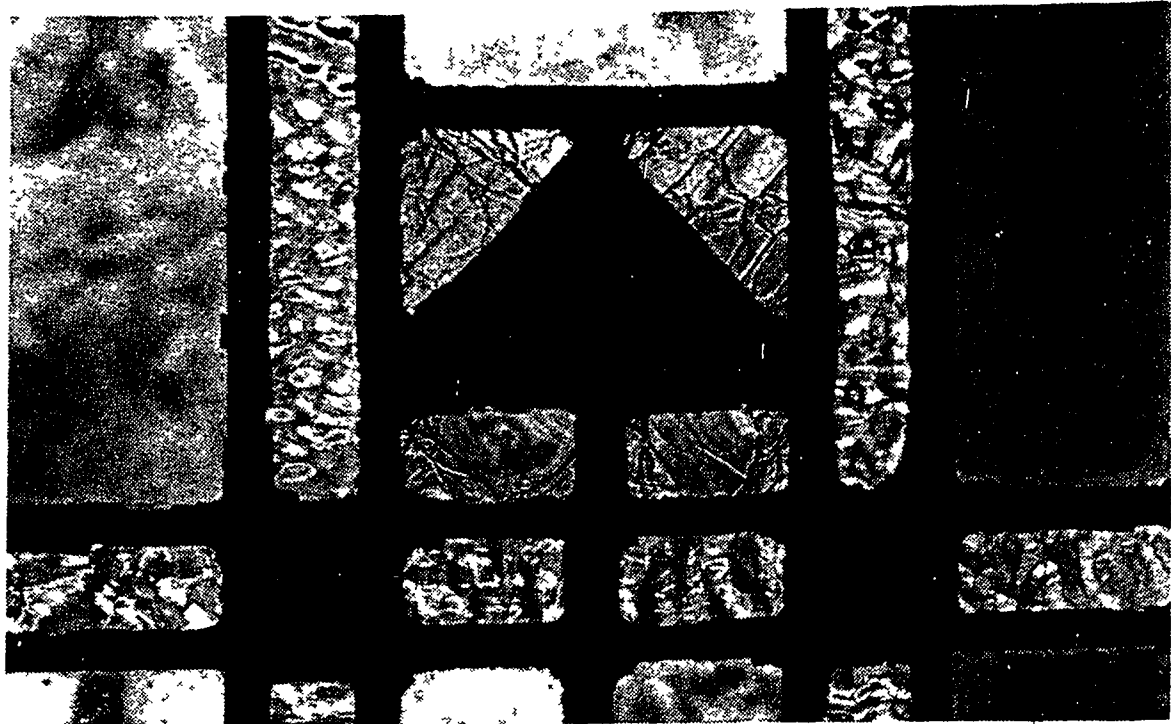
The first was that we are, more than we think, affected by what happens to someone else. Hemingway, quoting John Donne, put on the frontpiece of "For Whom the Bell Tolls:" "Ask not for whom the bell tolls -- it tolls for thee." Donne had written concerning the custom of the village to have the bell tolled whenever anyone died. The

bell tolled for everybody, for a part of each one's life was gone when another went.

No death, no accident, no crime, no destruction of property, no strike, no disease, no injustice, no chicanery in politics, is confined to one person. It affects us all.

The second thought that bounced around was that the very increase in traffic or, if you will, of the number of human beings on this earth, calls for a greater care and concern. As time goes on a higher moral and ethical performance as well as more driving skill will be required.

I can remember in the small city where I grew up that horse-and-buggies far outnumbered automobiles. There were no traffic lights or stop signs. We played baseball, tap-the-ice-box, kickball, and tin-can hockey at the corner of our block. We were seldom bothered by a passing automobile



or wagon. You can't do it now if you are a lad.

As our numbers have increased and our speeds have increased so much has our freedom been restricted. We are all bound up together. The more people you put in a room the less space there is to

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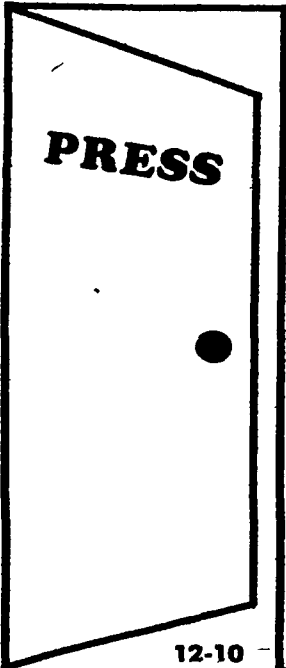
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St. Isabel parishioners and friends contributed twenty-one cases of clothing --- four hundred and thirty pounds -- to the Thanksgiving Bishops Relief Clothing drive. The drive began on Thanksgiving and ended the following Sunday with the clothes being packed and shipped on Monday, November 29.

## Perkins boast new baby boy

Eric Kenneth Perkins is the newest addition to the City of Sanibel's census figures. The son of Carolyn and Kenneth Perkins, he made his first appearance at Lee Memorial Hospital on Monday, December 6, at 6:11 p.m. His birth weight and height was seven pounds, 13 ounces, and 19 1/2 inches respectively.

Father "Kenny" is employed by the

Sanibel Fire Department and Bailey's General Store.

His paternal grandparents are Marion and Elwood Perkins, also associated with Bailey's, and formerly of Massachusetts. The baby's maternal grandparents are Evelyn and Carroll Lothar of Illinois.

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Dr. Russ Denyes joined the Lions in 1970, one year after he moved to Lighthouse Way on Sanibel, where he and his wife, Jean, the associate librarian of the Sanibel Public Library, still reside.

At the time of his retirement, Russ was director of Fibers, Plastics, and Coatings research for the Celanese Research Company.

He was born in Batavia, Java, the son of Methodist missionaries. He returned to the

United States and was educated from grade school through college in this country. He received his degree from Lawrence College in 1931 and his Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of Minnesota in 1935.

After completing his graduate work, Russ married his high school and college classmate and sweetheart, Jean, and joined the faculty of Stanford University as a research associate.

In 1936, Denyes joined the staff of Mellon Institute of Industrial Research where he headed their man-made fiber Fellowship Research. He joined Celanese in 1944.

His service to the Lions Club includes

The December Lion, Russ Denyes, is a former research chemist.



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# Cut casuarina for holidays

By Richard Workman, director,  
Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation

Since the tradition of the Christmas tree began many years ago in Western Germany it has undergone a number of evolutionary changes.

Who would have expected a century or two ago that the humble custom would evolve into a worldwide multi-billion-dollar business. Involved now are Christmas tree farms growing spruce and Scotch pine by the millions and factories turning out mylar and plastic trees in choices of pink, silver, and natural green.

For most Yule celebrants the traditional family outing to select and cut a tree from the woods hasn't been practical for a generation or more. No doubt the several times doubling of people populations and the decline of eligible wild conifers has had something to do with this.

The introduction of Australian pine to Sanibel and Captiva some 75 years ago, however, presents an opportunity for islanders to revive the traditional tree cutting without fear of damaging the natural environment.

The planting of Australian pines on these islands we know now was an ecological blunder wreaking havoc on the natural system. Cutting a few for Christmas trees will not harm the environment but, to the contrary, will boost efforts to restore nature's order.

Though not true pines, the Australian pine or Casuarina makes an attractive substitute and a suitable Christmas tree if you follow these suggestions:

Growing the trees is discouraged by Sanibel city law and no permits are required

to cut the small Australian pines, though landowner's permission should be sought before you take a tree.

Look for a tree off to itself. If not shaded or bunched with others, it will be fuller and better shaped. You may find it easier to select a larger tree and cut out the top to the desired size.

Once cut, the tree should be taken home as soon as possible and placed in a bucket of wet sand. This provides an adequately stable footing for most trees and helps keep it fresh for a reasonable time. Keeping the sand wet will prolong the useful period of the tree but don't expect much more than ten days.

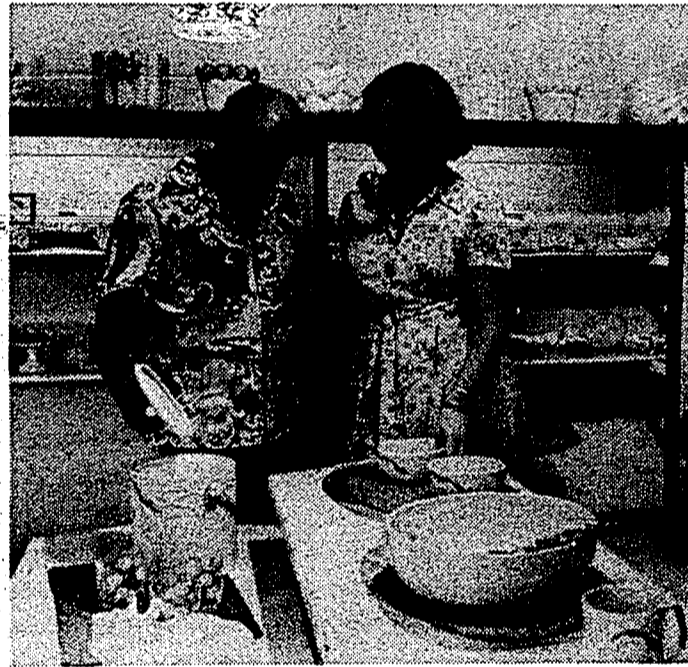
The Casuarina, unlike the true pines, has no needles as we know them. The green needle-like clusters are modified stems that carry on the photosynthetic activity of the plant. A close examination of the stem reveals whorls of very small leaves. Different species of Australian pine are determined by the number of leaves in the whorl.

Australian pines were planted on the islands shortly after the turn of the century as roadside trees because they grew taller and faster than most anything else. Far from the natural controls of their native Australia, the Casuarina grows rampant displacing the native plant communities on which the islands' natural system is based. The continued spread of Australian pines and other introduced weed trees may well render parts of the islands biological wastelands.

As your gift to nature this holiday season, prepare your family for a trek through the white and drifting winter sands of the islands and take home an Australian pine for Christmas.



Connie Rogers (left) and Doree Ouellette model T-shirts designed for the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation by island artist Ikki Matsumoto. The T-shirts, bearing requests to "Let Live Shells Live" and "Only Pick Empty Shells" are part of an ongoing campaign to discourage live shelling in island waters. The shirts, at \$4.50 each, went on sale this week at Tennis Anyone, the B-Hive, Bailey's, the Sea Horse Shop, and the South Seas Shipstore on Captiva. T-shirts proceeds will go into the SCCF seashell conservation fund, said director Dick Workman.



## Shop talk

The Sea Horse Shop, on the Lighthouse end of Periwinkle Way, has made some major innovations in its display areas recently. There's a whole new fine china and glassware department, an expanded women's fashions department, and furniture is placed throughout the store in groupings, rather than in a single department. There's also 'coffee for gentlemen waiting for their ladies' who are shopping in the store. The Sea Horse shop is open seven days a week from 9 00 a.m. to 5 30 p.m.



Members of the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club ready some trees for their Christmas benefit sale for sight preservation projects.

# Council debates mopeds, commercial fishing in canals

The "moped," a vehicle that state law says is a bicycle but which isn't allowed on bicycle paths, came in for some heavy discussion at last Monday's special Sanibel City Council session.

The moped --- which can be peddled or alternatively pushed along by a small gasoline motor at a maximum speed of 25 miles per hour --- has a new-found popularity on the islands. It is relatively quiet in operation, economical in fuel consumption, and almost as easy to operate as a bicycle.

From its popularity came the problems. Some citizen complaints came into City Hall, charging that the mopeds were creating additional traffic hazards, particularly on heavily travelled Periwinkle Way.

At four spots on Sanibel and at one on Captiva, visitors and residents can choose from a total of about 43 rental mopeds. The Council learned on Monday, however, that there are also some residents who own their own mopeds --- and stand ready to fight for them.

Prompted by public complaints and concern over traffic hazards, Mayor Goss submitted to Council a draft ordinance that would impose some rules and regulations --- most of them rather mild --- on moped operators and the people who rent them.

The ordinance would have required rental agencies to ensure that the vehicles were in good mechanical condition, carried a horn or bell, a bicycle flag, and a rear-view mirror.

The ordinance would keep mopeds off

beaches and bicycle paths and require that they be operated "as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable." The mopeds would be limited to a maximum speed of 25 miles per hour and to operation only by those 15 years of age or older, as is currently provided in state law.

A few other non-controversial safety provisions were included in the draft ordinance.

As the Council discussions proceeded there were suggestions that moped operators be required to wear helmets, as required on motorcycles, and that they be required to have a valid driver's license or learner's permit.

The moped appeared to place all of the Councilmen in a dilemma. As Vice-Mayor Zee Butler put it, she was partial to the moped because of its desirability as an alternative mode of energy-saving transportation, but concerned over its impact on traffic and the safety hazards involved.

Allen Mainard, a veteran cyclist, urged the Council not to treat the moped as a problem, "but rather as an alternative mode of transportation." Referring to the charge that the mopeds slows down auto traffic on Periwinkle, Mainard said "why not?"

He proposed that the speed limit on Periwinkle be reduced from 35 m.p.h. to 25 m.p.h., pointing out that the difference in time it would take to reach Bailey's from the Causeway would only amount to about 90 seconds.

But the sentiment of the Council's

audience appeared to be divided and reflected an uncertainty on how to deal with this new hybrid introduction to the islands.

The Councilmen agreed on a first reading of the draft ordinance but there was a consensus that more study was required on the issue before final adoption of a new law.

Another issue that got to the Council table as a result of what Mayor Goss called "public input" was the subject of commercial fishing in the island's man-made canals.

Several complaints had been received recently, particularly from the Shell Harbor subdivision, alleging that commercial fisherman had been netting in the canals throughout the night and into the wee hours of the morning, making considerable noise and using flashlights that disturbed the

peace of the neighborhood.

Council quickly agreed with City Manager Bill Nungesser that the City's police department already had sufficient authority to handle "a public disturbance," and that enactment of another ordinance at this time did not appear necessary.

After many detailed revisions, and following weeks of work by the City's Code Compliance Committee chaired by George Slay, the council adopted three new codes --- National Electrical Code; Southern Standard Plumbing Code; and Southern Standard Mechanical Code.

Some of the hottest debate of the day was reserved for the tail end of the meeting and, appropriately, dealt with dogs. (see separate story on page 1-A).

Sanibel firemen Jake Mathews and Charlie Frederick douse the remnants of a grease blaze that flared Tuesday at the Portable Feast, in the rear of Huxter's Market. Two hours earlier they rushed to the intersection of Tarpon Bay Road and Periwinkle to smother a flaming Volkswagen engine.





# church notes

Total membership at the Sanibel Community Church increased to 348 Monday night when seven were received into the membership of the church. The new members are Irene and Timothy J. Culnan of 671 East Gulf Drive, Ruth and Kenneth N. Francisco of Tropical Mobile Manor, Pauline and Wilbur B. Light of Ocean's Reach and Mrs. Lillian M. Vielleux of Sanibel Arms West.

The New Member Class met with the Board Counselors at 7:30 p.m. Monday night and will be publicly recognized in the worship service on Sunday, December 12.

The St. Lukes men's and boy's choir from Fort Myers will help members of St. Michael and All Angels' Church celebrate St. Nick's Day on Sunday, December 12, at 7 p.m.

The annual meeting of St. Michael and All Angels' Church will be held at the Sanibel Community House on Tuesday, January 11, at 6:30 p.m. It will be preceded by a dinner.

Mr. Ron Armstrong, member of the staff of the Holy Land Mission in Bethlehem, Jordan, will present slides and commentary on the work of the Mission at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, December 12, at the Sanibel Community Church. The Mission is one of the mission outreach stations of the Community Church. A special Communion offering was taken two weeks ago for the Bethlehem program and contributions will be accepted during Advent.


There will be a reception for Father Arthur Kontinos and his family, which will be sponsored by the congregation of the Southwest Florida Greek Orthodox Church, on Sunday, December 12, 1976. Father Kontinos has been appointed permanent pastor of the group. At that time the architectural plans for the new Greek Orthodox Church on Cypress Lake Drive will be unveiled. The reception will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2800 Broadway, Fort Myers.

All are welcome to attend. Further information can be obtained by calling 472-2253.

Carol Culp of St. Isabel's choir was recently feted at a luncheon given by the other members of the choir on the occasion of her departure from the islands. Current members of the church choir include Margaret Creter, Coleen Elias, Bob Dormer, and organist Ginny Bissell. Rosalind Wegryn is director of the choir.

St. Isabel parishioners and friends contributed twenty one cases of clothing -- four hundred and thirty pounds -- to the Thanksgiving Bishop's Relief Clothing drive. The drive began on Thanksgiving and ended the following Sunday with the clothes being packed and shipped on Monday, November 29.

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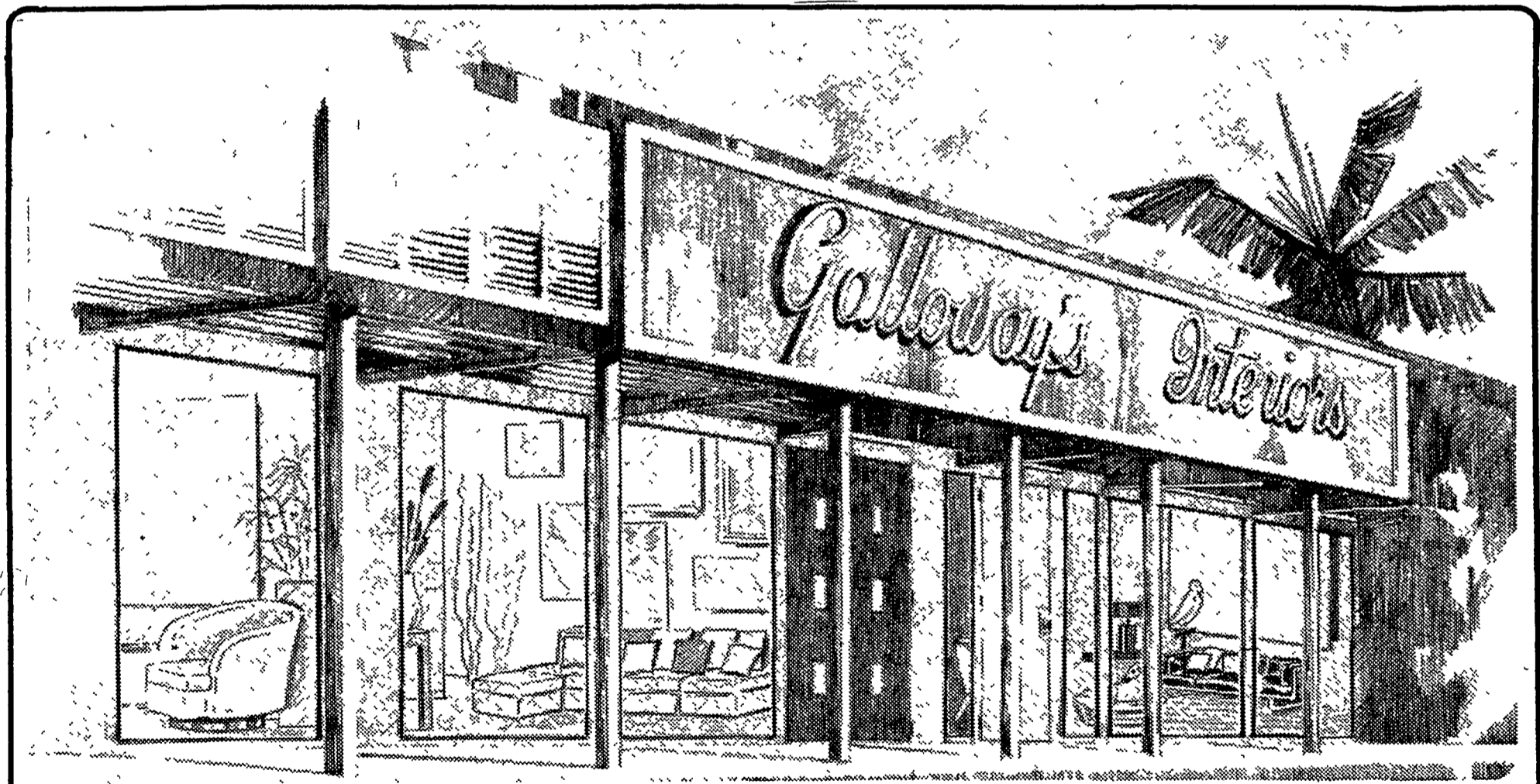


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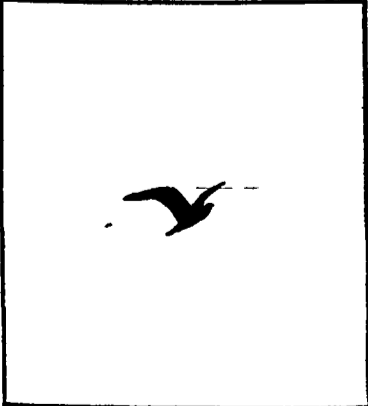
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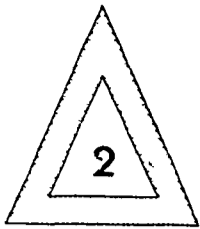


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**WANTED** - Experienced typist to work at home typing manuscripts & correspondence, from dictating machine. Approximately 20 hrs. per wk., beginning Jan. '77. Give references & salary requirements. Respond to Box HML, c-o Island Reporter, P.O. Drawer R, Sanibel, Fl. 33957.

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**WANTED** - Restaurant help - on island - 472-2029.

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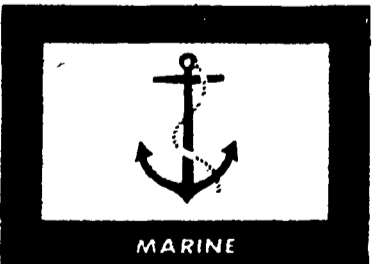
**PART TIME HELP NEEDED! NEED EXTRA INCOME?** Santiva Housekeeping Service is now taking applications for couples to clean condominiums on Sanibel every Saturday (52 weeks a year) and some Sundays. Experience preferred. Top wages paid to the right people. Only dependable, hard working and reliable persons need apply. For appt. call 472-1893.

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**SAILING INSTRUCTOR** needed, person familiar with the Sunfish to teach sailing at the Sundial Beach Hotel. Apply with references between 9-5 for this full time position. Ask for Pool Manager.

12-10



**FOR SALE** - 1976 Dusky open Sportfisherman, 23', 455 cid Hardin Olds engine. \$7,000. 1974 Mako open fishing boat, 20' twin 65 HP Mercury outboards. \$6,000. Can be seen at Twin Palms Marina, Captiva.

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**FOR SALE** - Double bed box springs & vibrator mattress - \$100. Longine's digital clock radio with tensor light - \$50. Ladies' 17 jewel, 14 karat gold dress watch; VALUE \$250 - priced \$100. 472-2946.

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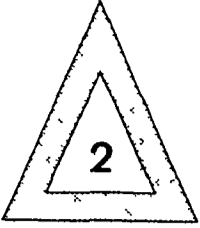
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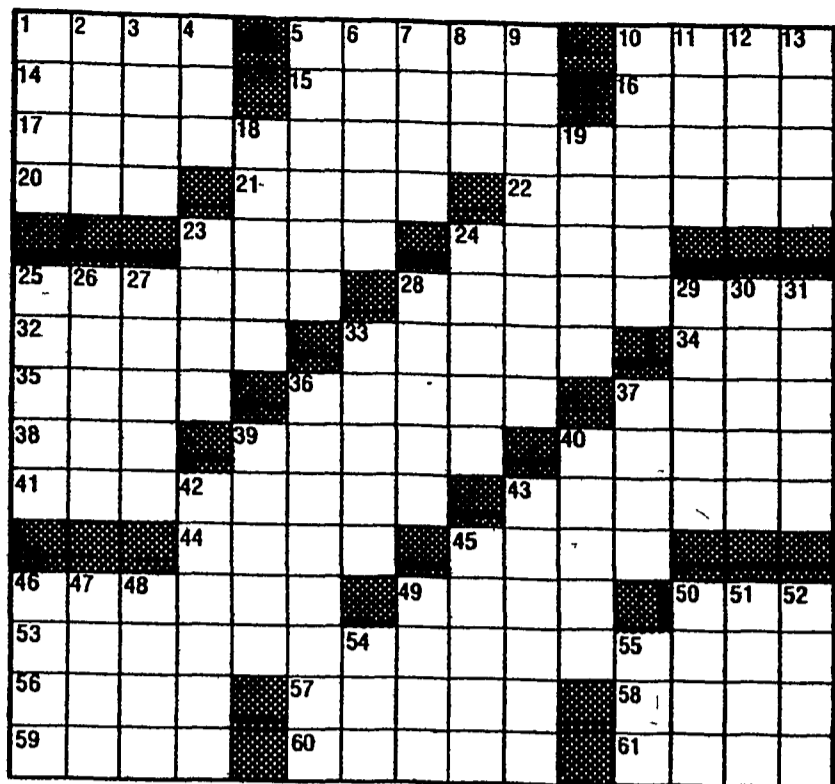
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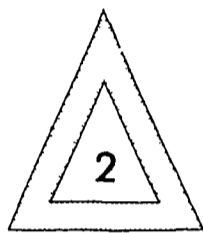
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  - 10 Raise —
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  - 15 Draw forth
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  - 24 — broke
  - 25 To the point
  - 28 Broadway or State St., e.g.
  - 32 Long poem
  - 33 Defeat
  - 34 Get the — (be fired)
  - 35 Have — on (claim)
  - 36 River to the Danube
  - 37 Type size
  - 38 Arden
  - 39 Prongs
  - 40 — up (crammed)
  - 41 Reacts
  - 43 "... house is his —"
  - 44 Wallet items
  - 45 Interlock
  - 46 Breath strengthener
  - 49 Corresponding
  - 50 "When I — a lad..."
  - 53 Take — (gamble)
  - 56 Soft cheese
  - 57 Feed greedily
  - 58 Opposed
  - 59 Dispatch
  - 60 Make an all-out effort
  - 61 Jalopy
- DOWN**
- 1 Reunion figure
  - 2 Occupation
  - 3 Kind of secret
  - 4 Day: Abbr.
  - 5 Pour out
  - 6 Sailor's call
  - 7 Adds up
  - 8 Hilo instrument
  - 9 Prize-winner
  - 10 Wimbledon areas
  - 11 Once more
  - 12 " — long time..."
  - 13 Inquisitive
  - 18 Topple
  - 19 Goliath, e.g.
  - 23 Look-alikes
  - 24 Cabbies' concerns
  - 25 Fall beverage
  - 26 — drab
  - 27 Taunts
  - 28 Folkways
  - 29 " — so!" (not true)
  - 30 Surpass
  - 31 Union general
  - 33 — up (concludes)
  - 36 Soft snap
  - 37 Ritzy
  - 39 Pick-me-up
  - 40 Established
  - 42 Worked with Gallup
  - 43 Paving material
  - 45 Parent in old Rome
  - 46 Yaks
  - 47 Land unit
  - 48 Weather forecast
  - 49 Bridge overbid, at times
  - 50 Chablis or claret
  - 51 Movie dog
  - 52 Between hop and jump
  - 54 Negligent
  - 55 Cheer



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